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RUMFORD FALLS AS ONE GREAT SHOPPING CENTER.

No place in Maine where finer Stores, larger Stocks or better Service can be had.

Has an Immense Outside Trade. A Brief Review of Changes and Present Business.

During the year that has past since we issued our first Christmas number there have been but few changes in the town, and those that have occurred are not in the line of business that is much affected by holiday trade. All the retail stores that appeared in the CITIZEN'S advertising columns last season are represented this year, with some new advertisers.

The town of Rumford has been wonderfully fortunate in having recorded the demise of none of its leading men during the year. Our sister town of Mexico has not been so fortunate, for within one month she lost, by death, two of her leading and much needed citizens. Among the churches there has been, in Rumford Falls, a change of pastors in the Baptist pulpit and the Episcopal church has lost its rector, by resignation, and has not yet secured another. There has also occurred a change in ministers at the Baptist church in Mexico.

It is a notable feature of the year's history that so few changes have occurred. The transfer of the McKean business to A. A. Hall is the most notable in the retail section. The only notable change in the manufacturing concerns was in the Oxford Paper Company in which Mr. Bush succeeded Mr. McIlwain as General Manager.

Perhaps the lease of the P. and B. R. R. to the Maine Central R. R. was the business deal that most affected the town. With the exception of its causing a number of desirable families to remove to Portland, the new deal is considered a good one for the town.

There is no place in the country that has felt the recent financial trouble so little as this town, and there is every reason to expect the present prosperous condition to continue.

It is well known that no stores in Maine carry larger or better stocks of merchandise than do those of Rumford Falls and it is with pleasure that we again present to the public the evidences of the claim. This issue contains the advertisements of the merchants of Rumford Falls and in a general way gives the readers an opportunity to select the various articles they need before getting to the stores. Aided before every one is making purchases it is well to get the shopping done early. It not only enables one to make selections more leisurely, but it makes the work easier for the clerks in the stores. They are always kept on the go at the holiday season, and on the last day before Christmas are crowded to their limit. So for the benefit of the customers and clerks together, we suggest that the shopping be not delayed until the last day.

We will add that there is not a merchant whose advertisement is printed in this paper that cannot be trusted to send by mail or express any thing that may be ordered, and just what is ordered. Our readers may feel confidence in them and any one not able to visit the place may safely order by mail.

We herewith give a brief outline of the character of the business done by the various dealers whose advertisements appear in this paper.

THE E. K. DAY & G. A. PEABODY COMPANY.

The Everett K. Day Co. and G. A. Peabody Co. while not connected by any partnership arrangement, advertise in conjunction. These two companies have recently celebrated their second anniversary in the Strathglass building and are now offering in the gift line of merchandise a great and varied stock.

The E. K. Day business is carried on on the ground floor and comprises everything in dry and fancy goods and special Christmas offerings that come within the scope of that line of trade. They have attractive window displays at all times, but especially so at this season. The G. A. Peabody business consisting of a general variety and crockery ware stock occupies the basement, and is an attractive stock. Mr. Peabody

gives his personal attention to its selection and the arrangement of the displays, and among the "in plain sight" articles in his store one can find something for a suitable gift at small expense.

The window display on Hartford street of the moving figure representing work on a farm, was made by Mr. Penbody.

H. O. BURDETT & SONS.

This store enjoys the distinction of being a grocery store where the stock is confined to such merchandise as comes under that ancient title.

They keep a first class store, deal in high grade goods, and make prompt delivery a leading feature.

The store is in the hotel block on Congress street.

BOWERS AND VALLEE.

This popular store known as the Red Cross Pharmacy has lost none of its good features the past year and has increased its patronage by constantly studying the needs of the people, and paying strict and polite attention to their customers.

While this is the youngest of the drug stores in town it is widely known and patronized extensively. We can guarantee not only satisfactory results to all who patronize this store so far as the quality of goods are concerned, but pleasant remembrance of the proprietors, Messrs. Bowers and Vallee.

F. F. BARTLETT.

Dr. F. F. Bartlett has been in business here from the beginning of the development of modern Rumford, and combines an optical and jewelry business. He also has a music goods department. His experience in optical work is such that he feels confident in guaranteeing successful fitting and satisfactory glasses. His patronage in this line is very extensive.

He always carries a full line of jewelry and makes attractive displays.

J. F. BARRON.

J. F. Barron is an extensive dealer in wall paper, paints and oils and also carries on a large business in house painting. Mr. Barron is a reliable dealer and master-workman at his trade and only employs skilled painters on his jobs.

E. L. COBB & SON.

Since our last Christmas number was issued the firm of Cobb Bros. has been changed to E. L. Cobb and Son.

The market business is carried on as before and perhaps with larger results. Mr. Gardiner H. Cobb is in charge of the business, but has associated with him his son E. L. as partner and Charles E. the retiring brother conducts a store in Virginia.

E. L. Cobb and Son's Company is a popular firm, and enjoys the confidence of the purchasing public. Mr. Cobb senior is one of our leading and substantial citizens. The store is at the corner of Bridge and River streets.

THE COPE PHARMACY.

E. L. Cowan Prop.

We have to record a change in proprietorship of the Cope Pharmacy since a year ago. The former owner, Mr. A. H. Williamson sold to Mr. E. L. Cowan, formerly of Norway.

The store under the new management has prospered and retained its hold upon the public which has always been strong. The store is noted for its reliability and high quality of goods.

Mr. Cowan is an experienced druggist, and a man of superior quality, and has easily taken his place among the leading business men of Rumford Falls.

FRED B. CARROLL.

In directing attention to the business of Fred B. Carroll we can not make Christmas presents an excuse for doing so, for while he keeps many things that are suitable for presents, the principle business he does is in installing steam and hot water heaters and fur-

naces. He also has a plumbing department and takes contracts in all parts of the state. His work is particularly in demand at this season of the year. He is reliable, and any one desiring work in this line will be sure of satisfactory treatment if they engage Mr. Carroll.

CHARLES E. FERNALD.

Conducts the pharmacy under Hotel Rumford at the corner of Exchange and Congress streets, and makes it an attractive store, by the handsome display of goods and reliable service.

Mr. Fernald is a pharmacist of many years successful practice, and can be relied upon in all branches of the business. He calls attention to his special Christmas and New Year goods, which we know it will be a pleasure for our readers to inspect.

GAUTHIER FURNITURE CO.

While the business of this company is conducted in the same manner as a year ago a change in the membership of the company has taken place. June 1st Mr. Patrick Meehan retired from the firm, Arthur Gauthier remaining and taking as partners, Mr. Voter Cass, who had been employed in the store for four and one-half years, and Mr. Vital Gilbert, who for a year had been in charge of the undertaking part of the firm's business. These now conduct the business which is one of the largest retail stores in town. The store is located at the corner of Exchange and Canal streets and has the largest display windows in town. They carry everything in the furniture line, and have a fine line of ranges and stoves. Good goods and cheerful service are features worth noting in this store.

GAUTHIER BROTHERS.

This company has a large store, or more properly speaking two stores, devoted to the Grocery and Market business.

The stores are connected by large center double doors and customers pass from one to the other without having to go outside.

A look about these stores will apprise any one of the fact that there is carried in stock every thing that is required to furnish any man's kitchen with the necessities of life. The firm sends teams to deliver goods to all parts of the villages of Rumford Falls and Mexico. Their Christmas food offerings are worth looking over.

GONYA BROTHERS.

The Gonya Brothers are pioneer clothing dealers and have one of the largest and most attractive stores in the state; and carry a stock of men's and boy's clothing and shoes for both men and women that is capable of supplying the wants of any customer. The store extends from Congress to River street with entrances on both streets.

This firm is noted for its liberal dealings and fair treatment of customers, and the clerks have always been noted for their uniform courtesy to customers. These features have been the means of building up a large and prosperous business.

E. W. HOWE.

The furniture store of E. W. Howe is the only one on Congress street and is a long established and reliable place in which to deal. Mr. Howe is a man who keeps his business abreast of the times and always has the goods wanted at the price and terms that suit the purse of the customer. He occupies three floors with the stock and also conducts an upholstery department.

CHARLES ISRAELSON.

The clothing store conducted by Mr. Israelson in the Power Company south end building is one of the best appointed stores in the place. The building is the best built of any in town. He has a large stock well displayed and a corps of capable clerks to attend to the trade. This store also makes a special feature of trunks and travelling bags. A large

basement is well stocked with these goods and almost anything in that line can be had at reasonable prices.

MORRIS MARX.

Perhaps no store in town is crowded with goods to the limit of its capacity equal to the Morris Marx stores—there are two, one for dry and fancy goods and ladies' garments and the other for men's clothing and shoes.

It is the aim of Mr. Marx to always be on the spot with the goods and to that end carries a very large stock. He has been in business here for a long while and is known for his square dealing and courteous treatment of all alike.

HARRY MARX.

Has a clothing store and devotes his energies to selling goods for men's wear. He has been at the Falls for many years and has made for himself a good business and is a popular man outside of trade associations. His store is stocked with the high, medium and low priced goods and is a safe place to do trading in.

H. J. REYNOLDS.

The Riddellville druggist has been in business there several years and has a fine store and a good business.

Mr. Reynolds has a thorough pharmaceutical education, and the benefit of many years experience in prescription work, and has a large patronage in that line. His store is in the Wills' block on Main street.

MERCIER AND MERCIER.

This is one of the within the year growths, and a strong healthful growth. Their stock is clean and high grade, and their store one of the best kept in the town. For the holiday trade they are making a special drive in Christmas cards, booklets, albums, etc. Their staple stock is fruits, confectionery, and cigars. They are located on Waldo street.

ISAAC W. ALLEN.

The little yellow store is Mr. Allen's peculiar creation, and is a famous store throughout this section. He keeps a great variety of garments and foot wear particularly adapted to the lumbermen and woodsmen and has a large patronage. His announcement in this paper contains a partial list of bargains he is offering for this season's trade.

JOSEPH JACQUES.

Since this date a year ago this store has been established. It was first opened under the firm name of Jacques and St. Pierre, the latter retiring soon after and since the business has been carried on by Mr. Jacques alone. He is an expert workman and understands the business thoroughly and has acquired a large patronage. He makes a special Christmas announcement.

W. P. MODONALD.

The drug store conducted by Mr. McDonald in the Cates Block is one of the largest stores of the kind in town, and has a complete stock of high class pharmaceutical goods and druggist's sundries, but at this season a great amount of space is devoted to special Christmas goods. The store was one of the first in town to make a Christmas display. It attracts much attention.

F. E. RENDALL.

This store is the largest devoted to the sale of jewelry of any in town and is among the best in the country. Mr. Rendall is doing as he has done for the past fifteen years a successful business and is now showing the largest assortment of high grade and fancy jewelry and silver ware that he has ever placed on sale.

Mr. Rendall is a reliable dealer and we feel sure that a failure to look over his stock would leave the customer with a regret that he or she had not at least seen what he had to offer.

J. E. STEPHENS.

The jewelry store conducted by Mr. Stephens is one of the old and reliable concerns doing business at the Falls. The business has been successful from the start and Mr. Stephens keeps in close touch with the changes and improvements in the trade and is always on hand with a well selected stock of Christmas specialties and in this issue invites your attention to a large advertisement in which he tells of a few of the many things that he is offering for Christmas.

H. L. STEINFELD.

This store has enjoyed a season of prosperity and is now forging ahead with substantial bargains for the holiday trade that are worth attention. The main store is filled with dry and fancy goods and notions too numerous to be catalogued in an advertisement. A first class millinery store is conducted

—DON'T HESITATE—

Come to us if in doubt what to buy for Xmas and we will certainly solve the problem for you. It has become almost a settled custom to buy something useful as a present and we make a specialty of useful goods, a few of which we enumerate below.

Easy Chairs, Fancy Rockers, Slipper Cases, Shaving Stands, Ladies' Dressing Tables, Tabourettes, Onyx Tables, Water Sets, Wine Sets, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Andirons, Fire Screens, Fire Sets, Couch Covers, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Rugs, Art Squares, and Pictures in a great variety of styles and prices.

Watch our window for suggestions.

E. W. HOWE,
HOME FURNISHERS,
Rumford Falls.

P. S.—We Furnish Homes Complete and Furnish you the Goods while paying for Them.

In the rear of the main store, where hats for women are trimmed in all the latest and prettiest styles.

F. E. GODING.

This store is the only store exclusively devoted to the sale of shoes there is in town. Mr. Goding occupies a part of Mr. J. E. Stephens' store, and carries a high grade line of women's and men's footwear. The business has been established and in successful operation for several years.

GEO. B. MCMENNAMIN.

Since our last trade issue the Five and Ten cent store conducted by Geo. B. McMennamin has been established. This store is a repository of a great variety of useful articles at a low price. Many of them are particularly designed for holiday trade.

E. L. WINSLOW.

Is a manufacturing confectioner and Fruit Dealer.

He is an expert candy maker and always has a fine display in his windows, and a large stock on sale. During the past year he has moved into his present quarters in the old F. J. Rolfe store.

Y. STEINFELD & CO.

Although but little over a year old this firm has worked up a very good trade in men's clothing and furnishings and are prepared to offer an assortment that affords a satisfactory choice. They are pleasant tradesmen with progressive ideas and their announcement contains some interesting suggestions for the holiday season.

W. W. SMALL.

The restaurant conducted by Mr. W. W. Small on Bridge street is one of the best known cafes in town, and Mr. Small is a widely known man both in that line of business and in the general affairs of the town. He was formerly in the newspaper business. The advertisement that appears in this number calls attention to the fact that he is making special preparations for serving family dinners Christmas day.

OXFORD PRINTING CO.

This printery is conducted by Pearl C. Dyer, and is a well equipped office. He is a printer who is thoroughly informed regarding his business and is a first class workman. The office is on Exchange street.

G. F. SPILLER.

Mr. Spiller has recently bought the fruit and confectionery store that was formerly conducted by Mr. Anderson. He is making a success of the business and is calling attention to the fact that the store is filled with all fruits and candies that are needed for the Christmas feast.

THE RUMFORD FALLS FRUIT CO.

This fine store has been established since the present year came in. The business has been good from the start and it is a popular place. Everything looks clean and attractive in and about the store. The company carry in stock all domestic and tropical fruits and confectionery, and invite your patronage through means of advertisements appearing in the CITIZEN every week.

BORDEN AND COMPANY.

This is another of the stores that has

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Rumford Falls BUSINESS COLLEGE AND Preparatory School.

MCKENZIE BLOCK, RUMFORD FALLS, ME.
Our class rooms are commodious and fully equipped with what the student requires for his rapid advancement.
If you cannot attend the day school, enroll as a student in the evening school.

DON'T DELAY. DECIDE NOW.

Following are the Courses Offered.

BUSINESS COURSE: Embracing Book-keeping, Shorthand Typewriting, Arithmetic, Telegraphy, Commercial Correspondence, Penmanship, Business Papers, and all other subjects essential for a thorough business education.
COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE: Embracing the English, French and Latin Languages, higher Mathematics, and all other subjects usually required in college entrance examinations.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL & PREPARATORY: Business Courses for children between the ages of 12 and 15 years.
SPECIAL COURSES: Special Course of reading and writing the French and English Languages. Special Course of lessons for backward and delicate children embracing those subjects in which they are most deficient. Courses preparatory to Civil Service Examinations. Course of "60" lessons in Elocution, Oratory and Expressive Reading.

Day Sessions: From 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Evening Session: From 7 until 9 p. m.

TERMS: Payable Strictly in Advance
\$1.50 per week, or \$5.00 per month of Four week

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Should be Useful.

Buy one of us. We have the largest and best lot of

CARVING SETS, POCKET KNIVES,
SCISSORS, SNOW SHOES,
SKATES ETC.
in Town.

Stanley Bisbee,
Rumford Falls.

BELL, The Tailor

Has moved from 29 Congress St. to HALL'S BLOCK up one flight.
Is now Prepared to do Custom Work and Repairing, Cleaning and Pressing.
BRING US YOUR WORK.
The Bell Tailoring Co., Hall's Block, Congress St.

Christmas Cards, Booklets and Albums.

In these goods we challenge any and every one to show a better line. Be sure you see them.

Stationery.

Christmas Candy and high class confections for the holidays.
Fruits and Nuts.

Mercier and Mercier,
Waldo St. Rumford Falls.

RUMFORD FUEL CO. COAL AND WOOD

Tel. 311-2 Office and yard at foot of Waldo St.
We carry all of the different grades of coal
ALSO
Dry Hard Wood and Birch Edgings constantly on hand.
We fit your wood to any size desired.
Call us up and get our prices or if interested drop us a card and we will call and see you.

NORWAY.

Mrs. Oscar I. Pitts has returned to Norway, after being out of town for several weeks.

Mrs. Sumner Parker is at the Maine General Hospital at Lewiston for surgical treatment.

Several camps and cottages have been broken into. Search is being made for the ones who broke in.

Dr. T. J. Jenkins, the veterinarian, has moved his family from Norway to Mechaule Falls and will practice his profession there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williamson spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore at Auburn. They are to spend the winter in the South.

F. E. DeCoster has moved his office from Allard & Moulton's where he has been located for some time. He now has his office with Dennis Pike.

Jim Clifford, who lives in Millettville, has trapped nine foxes this season. He says it's been a bad season for trapping as there has been too much water.

Elizabeth and Agnes Beal have taken rooms at the Colonial hotel, Portland. They have not decided definitely just how long a stay they will make in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Greenleaf of Bangor, the proprietors of Camp Greenleaf on Sugar Island in Moosehead, are with Mrs. Betsey Greenleaf. They intend to spend some weeks with his mother, whose health is poor.

Mrs. John F. Devine is visiting friends in Haverhill, Mass.

F. E. Tower and wife returned from a week's trip to Boston and vicinity last week.

L. P. Swett is visiting here and is right from the hospital at Bangor, having been operated on for appendicitis.

Dr. F. H. Richardson got a very large and a very red fox the first of last week. It's his first hunt for the season.

Roy Jordan is home from South Framingham, Mass., work in the shoe factory there having been temporarily stopped.

Leut. M. P. Stiles and Leut. L. H. Daugherty attended the school for commissioned officers at Augusta last Thursday.

C. A. Bradeen, formerly a citizen of this town, now a resident of Boston, was in town last week. He sells the White sewing machine.

The Dennis Pike Real Estate Agency has purchased of Mary E. Reavy her store at Sheep Falls. Same will soon be moved on to their lot on Fair street, and be remodeled into a dwelling house.

BUCKFIELD.

F. R. Dyer has returned from a business trip to Boston.

Emma Bragg has closed a successful term of school in the Waldron district.

Leon Harlow of Boston, has been spending a two week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harlow in the western part of the town.

The No Name whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gerrish and was much enjoyed by all present. After two hours of whist, dainty refreshments were served. The members of the club are as follows:—Cy Irish and wife, Horace Irish and wife, Chas Tuttle and wife, Fred R. Dyer and wife, Geo Hersey and wife, A. S. Hall and wife, Ralph Morrill and wife, Chas. Withington and wife, A. Cloutier and wife, Henry Nulty and wife, and A. E. Cole and wife.

HARTFORD.

J. F. Childs, who has been quite sick is improving.

Rosecoe Childs is clerking for his brother, L. W. Childs.

NORTH NEWRY.

James Lane is working for F. P. Flint.

John Menchen of Pownal is spending a few days with friends in town.

There is a large amount of lumbering going on in this place. Help seems to be plenty.

J. S. Allen moved his family into his camp at Ketchum last Friday, where he is logging.

Hugh Thurston, who is attending Hebron Academy, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

GANDERBONE'S DEC. FORECAST.
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December of the drifting snow,
And yulelog blazing bright;
December, when the cold winds blow
Across the fields of white;
When winter's ring is in the ground
And the nights are clear and still,
And the boys go belly-buster down
The slick and shiny hill.

December of the Christmas tree
And childhood's brightest dream;
December of the ecstasy
Of hallowed Christmas e'en;
When the last sweet lullaby is sung
And the children's whispers cease,
And the wee sweet stockings all are strung
Along the mantel-piece.

December of the drum and horn
And bugles slyly hid;
December of the one great morn
Of mornings for a kid;
When the chiming of sweet and mellow bells
Are welcoming the dawn,

And the house rocks with the merry yells
Of kids with nighties on.

December was the ninth month in the old Roman calendar, and its name is from decem(ten). When Julius Caesar became the stick of the empire, the month contained but twenty-nine days. He added two more—one more to make ready for Christmas, and another to recover from it. Christmas gifts originated with the Greeks. Hence the saying "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts." Santa Claus was invented by the toy manufacturers of Neuremburg, Germany, where the Teddy Bears came from.

The motto for this month will be "Shut the door!" Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan will be the leading presidential candidates, and prohibition will continue the burning issue. The liquor interests will build walls around Peoria, Ill. St. Louis, Louisville and Milwaukee, and their war balloons will make daily observations of the movements of Mrs. Nation.

The Anti Saloon League has consented to let the Winter Solstice of this year begin at 7 p. m. on the 22d; but there must be no drinking, and every one must be in by Curfew. The 21st will be the shortest day in the year. This will be on Saturday, and if you are at church next day and stay for the sermon, you will notice that the 22d. is much longer.

The moon will be full on the 10th and to sign of the zodiac for the month will be Capricornus the Goat. This will make butter go up, and send kids to Sunday School.

The old mill pond will freeze again.

And every one will skate.

The milky-cuddle, modest again.

Will father go with Kate

She'll slip in such a way that she

Will see a brilliant star.

And he will deeply blush to see

How long her stockings are.

The money scare will quiet down—unhappy circumstance—and money will frequent again the pockets of our pants. The new gold coins they're making now without "In God We Trust," will turn up in the lat at church as prized as any dust. The scrip we have will be retired, and the real dough will look good, but the old subscriber will insist on paying up with wood.

On the 22d, Speaker Cannon will assemble at Washington, where he will re-elect himself and resume the enactment of law in the presence of the Democratic minority and onlookers.

The final edition of the President's message will be read. Wall street will be given another physics; and it will be officially declared that this country cannot exist half capital and half water.

Mr. Fairbanks will take refuge in the dignity of the Senate from his cock-tail persecutors, and several new members will be taken into that exclusive club of multi millionaires. Congress assembled will take up great public questions like the need for a new federal building at Potomac and Coyote Center; the growing demand for a more elastic currency, and why nobody will stay in the army at the generous inducement of \$13 a month and found—dead in the Philippines.

The want-wolf's wail will ride the blast
Where poverty prevails;
A few laggard geese will pass
With pointer on their tails.

The sleigh will jingle up the road
The lines around the whip, and George
and Nellie, in the robes, will love's own
honey sip. The sleigh will hit a ten
foot bank, and they'll go rolling down,
with Nellie's foot in George's face—
and walk six miles to town.

The new rules for farmers promulgated by the Farmhand's Union will go into effect on the 1st, viz: Farmers will provide automobiles for all help, and will serve as chauffeurs; they will eat at the second table and sleep in the hayloft; they will rise at four, do the chores, and serve breakfast to the hands in bed at nine; they will provide a phonograph and the current magazines; hands will supervise the farmwork from 11 to 12, and from 2 to 3; the earnings of the farm will be placed in a bucket every Saturday and poured through a ladder placed horizontally, with the ends on two chairs; what goes through, the hands get—and what sticks on the rungs goes to the farmer.

Santa Claus will make the usual rounds on the night of the 24th. Men will get cigars, neckwear and mustache cups. Ladies will get the money—which they would much rather have. Children will get the stomach ache and its complications.

And then comes January III
To plague us with some ancient bill
As only January can
Disturb the happiness of man.

Then Leap Year dread shall come
again with Nineteen Hundred Eight;
when workankind of growing years and
single up to date, will hit the bachelor's
plain trail—the unproposing wretch—
and make that worthy for a while ex-
ceeding hard to catch.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the
Wigwag
Trade Mark

We will present you with
one of the SO E-Z Dust Pans

FREE

with a \$3.00 or more cash purchase if you bring this adv.

FRED B. CARROLL

THE PLUMBER

Steam and Hot Water Fitting, Supplies, Etc.,
Leather Belting and Lacing, Inspirators, In-
jectors, Ejectors, Gauges and Gauge
Glasses and Cocks,
Valves of All Kinds, Oil Cups.

77 Canal St., Rumford Falls, Me. Tel. 6-5

NOW IS THE TIME

TO BUY YOUR

ROOFING

Go to V. A. LINNELL and get

the BEST. It is RUBEROID.

54 Prospect Ave., Rumford Falls

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Holiday Goods.

We have been obliged to enlarge our store to accommodate our increasing Business.

We have a large and brand new stock of
Jewelry, Stationery, Men's Furnishings
and All Variety Store Goods.

WISKONT & KENDALL, PAWN BROKERS

46 River Street. Rumford Falls, Maine.

We Wish you all

A Merry Christmas

The Strathglass

Oxford

And "All Smooth" Cigars

Mig By

C. J. LEARY, The "All Smooth" Man
223 Waldo St.

Buy COAL and WOOD of

LEON SMALL
and save money.

Four Foot Wood at \$6.50 per cord.
Sawed into stove lengths at \$7.25.
Stove coal \$8.25 per ton.

I may not be able to quote you these prices
on next lot, so you better order now.

Leon Small,

Ridlonville, Me.

Tel. 111-11.

Before Xmas SPECIALS In Men's and Young Men's Overcoats



like those we are offering this week should interest you and every young man looking for exceptional value in a stylish and handsomely tailored overgarment.

That we are able to give you a full third more value for your money than obtainable elsewhere, is due to selling the noted

"H. S. & M. Clothing"
For Men and Young Men

In style it is distinctive, in quality it is unequalled for the price, in tailoring and fit it is on a par with the merchant tailor's best

In H. S. & M. Overcoats at \$15 to \$40

you can find precisely what you want in fashion, materials and finish; semi-extreme and conservative models in single and double breasted cut, in Oxford and black overcoatings of quality—warm serviceable garments worth \$20 to \$55.

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See Our Advance Showing of HOLIDAY GIFTS in the haberdashery department. SPLENDID VALUES in Xmas Cravats, House Coats, Waistcoats, Suspenders, Half-hose, Handkerchiefs, Canes, Umbrellas—all the togery a man needs.

NEW YORK STORE,
HARRY MARX, Prop.

The Old Fashioned Social given last Friday evening in the vestry of the Methodist church by the Aid Society was a decided success and called out a large number of people.

The annual meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Canton.

MONEY TO LOAN
In Small Amounts on Personal Property.

MAURICE KING,
66 Congress Street, Rumford Falls, Me.
12-12-3.

Mr. and Mrs. James Demeritt, who went some time ago to Los Angeles, Cal., have removed to Pasadena, Cal., where they are very pleasantly located.

PASTOR'S RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Rev. E. W. Webber will continue as Universalist Minister.

No Regular Evening Services in Future. Possible Meetings at Dixfield.

The resignation by Rev. E. W. Webber of the pastorate of the Universalist church has been considered by the parish and by a committee appointed to confer with Mr. Webber. As the resignation was purely on business grounds there was no necessity for a public declaration of the matter before the parish had acted upon it.

A committee consisting of Dr. C. M. Bisbee, F. E. Randall, and C. S. Osgood were appointed to confer with Mr. Webber regarding the matter and Tuesday night made a report to the adjourned parish meeting.

This report in substance was that the evening services at the church be discontinued. In consideration of that being done Mr. Webber was agreeable to a change in salary to correspond to the reduction of labor.

It is understood that Mr. Webber had received an invitation to preach at Dixfield, and it is thought that the arrangement now made will enable him to serve both congregations. It will at least leave him free to make any arrangements he sees fit, for the disposal of his Sunday afternoons, at Dixfield or elsewhere.

NOTICE

All parties owing the J. F. Hall Co. are hereby notified that all bills over thirty days old will be left with our attorneys for collection after January 1, 1907.

J. F. HALL CO.

12-12-21

TEAM RECOVERED AT THE POINT.

Reuben Daley Took Mr. Cobb's Team Without Leave.

In Court was Repentant. Bound over to Grand Jury.

Reuben Daley giving his residence as Portland, came to Rumford Falls Friday night. Although having been here once before he concluded it was not quite so good a place as he thought, and Saturday forenoon left with the purpose of going to Bryant's Pond. Doubtless if he had known the road he would have accomplished his design, and no one here would have been worried on account of it, if he had gone by the stage or on foot but as he took a driving team belonging to Gardner H. Cobb without asking permission or informing anyone of what he had done, he left Mr. Cobb at least, to worry about him.

Mr. Cobb missed the team about 10 a. m. Saturday. He notified Deputy Sheriff Elliot who by diligent inquiry found that Daley was probably the man who had stolen it. By telephone inquiry Sheriff Elliot found that the team had not gone towards Bryant's Pond via east side road. Later he found that the team had been seen in the vicinity of J. F. Hall's, South Rumford. A robe that was in the wagon was also found on the Falls hill, and brought to Mr. Cobb by a boy.

The route taken by Daley was traced to the Center, where it was lost for a while. About midnight the deputy learned that the man and team were at the Point. He captured him there, and brought him back to the Falls. Daley had lost his way and had probably been on the Andover road.

Monday he was arranged before Recorder Stevenson and bound over to the Grand Jury. During the hearing he begged hard to be allowed to go.

He told the Judge that he would reform and lead a Christian life if given his liberty. He was here a year ago selling canary birds, and is reported to have done a thriving business. While confined to the police station here he told contradictory stories to the officers. At one time he said he had a wife and two children in Portland. At another time he said he had no children and that his wife had left him.

He was taken to Paris jail.

LEAPED FROM THE FOOT BRIDGE.

Henry Girard, a Young Man 28 years old Sought Death

In a most Horrible and Sensational Manner Tuesday Night.

Tuesday night about 5:30 Henry Girard leaped over the south side of the foot bridge, striking on his head and left side. He sustained a fracture of the skull, a broken jaw, left shoulder and leg. The leg was broken in two places. His tongue was cut through the middle towards the roots and he was otherwise badly bruised and smashed. He was taken to the office of Drs. Bisbee and McCarty where his wounds were dressed. He was later taken to the Grand View Hotel where a room and attendants were provided for him by the direction of selectman Arthur Gauthier. He did not regain consciousness during the operation, and removal. Joseph Martell remained with Girard during the night.

THE DETAILS.

Girard had been drinking during the afternoon and was going across the bridge with several companions, or persons walking in a group together, when without warning, so far as can be learned, he made a leap over the railing to the ledge forty feet below.

John Currier who was going home saw him go over and set up a cry for help and in a very short time Policemen Roach and Merrill were on the scene and with the aid of M. F. Hannan, who happened to be near lifted with much difficulty the prostrate and insensible form out of the crevice into which it had jammed itself. The injured man was taken directly to the doctor's office.

Mr. Currier said "I was within 6 feet of the fellow when he jumped. He said nothing that I heard; just put his hand on the rail and cleared it with one bound. Girard and the fellow with him were leaning against the rail side by side. The other man did not put a hand on Girard, the leap was made so quickly that he did not have time."

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Before the fire comes—that is the time to see us about insurance. You might be burned out tomorrow; then it will be too late.

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During the Holidays our Hats are
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12-12-21.

IMPORTANT To Coal And Wood Buyers Of Rumford Falls And Mexico.

Of whom do you buy your coal and wood? How much do you pay for them? And why do you have to pay so much? Do you know why?

We have read Tom Lawson's "Frenzied Finance" and its attack of the system, also Ida Tarbell's expose of Standard Oil and marvelled that such conditions should exist, but it isn't necessary to look any further than Rumford Falls to see "Combinations" and the "squeezing" process enacted in the same manner only on a smaller plan.

A short time ago I decided to enter the coal and wood business on a small scale. After ordering my coal and before it arrived I advertised the same so as to be ready to do business when it got here. Taking into consideration the price I had to pay for my coal, and my expenses I advertised to sell for \$8.25 per ton, and thought I could make a good fair profit at that.

But it seems that I had not consulted "the powers that be" in Rumford Falls and that the coal and wood dealers of that place took grave offense at my attempting to enter the field as a "fuel merchant" and especially at my attempt to give the public the benefit of better prices. They arose in their indignation and descended upon the wholesalers who were going to sell me coal, and consequently I have been obliged, to promise to sell coal at Rumford Falls prices in order to get any to sell.

When a man comes up against a proposition like this it doesn't make him brag much about the wonderful liberty we enjoy. And he is decidedly out of tune when he sings about the "Land of the free and the home of the brave."

The Rumford Falls coal and wood dealers have advanced their prices for coal to \$9.00 per ton this week, and yet there has been no advance in the cost to them. They have advanced the price merely because there is a big demand and they can get the price.

So, you, poor shivering mortals, when you are trying to warm a little corner of your house this winter because you can't afford to warm it all, just remember where you bought your coal and wood, and why you had to pay so much for it. I intend to have some coal and wood to sell from now on but.

The coal and wood dealers of Rumford Falls have obliged me through the wholesalers to sell at Rumford Falls prices. But, I will guarantee to deliver you 8 feet of wood for a cord and 2000 pounds of coal for a ton, until I receive official notice that those measures and weights are not correct.

Yours for honest weight and measure, fair prices and the square deal.

LEON M. SMALL

RIDGONVILLE, ME, Dec. 10.

ENORMOUS HOLIDAY SALE

Commencing Thursday, December 12th. to
Thursday, December 26th.

Men's and Young Men's Suits

Men's and Young Men's Fall and Winter Suits, all of the latest effects, Tailor made, cannot be duplicated elsewhere less than, \$10.00, 12.00, 15.00 or 18.00.

Sale Price \$6.50, 9.00, 12.00 and 14.00. Sizes from 34 to 42.

\$8.00, 12.00, 15.00 and 18.00 Cashmere, Flannels and Worsted Suits cut in the very latest forms, lined with Italian or satin lining. Sizes from 34 to 42.

Sale Price, \$6.00, 8.50, 11.50 and 14.00.

35 checked and plain suits, made of the finest material produced this season, cut according to the custom pattern, and of the latest designs. Sizes from 35, 44. Regular Price, \$10.00, 12.00 & 15.00.

Sale Price, \$7.50, 9.00, & 12.00.

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Positively this is the greatest sacrifice that has ever been known on up-to-date overcoats.

Men's & Young Men's Winter Overcoats

These overcoats are made of Melton's, Kerseys and Friezes. Made in the most stylish manner.

Regular Price, \$7.50, 10.00, 13.00 and 18.00.

Sale Price, \$5.00, 7.50, 10.00 and 14.00.

Heavy Reefers

of Blue Chinchilla and Gray Irish Frieze.

Regular Prices, \$9.00, 7.50, 4.00.

Sale Price, \$6.50, 5.00, 3.25.

400 Pair Pants

in worsted, cashmere and woolen, ranging from \$1.75 to 5.00, will be sold at a discount of 20 per cent.

Our King Quality Shoes

and other makes, will be sold during this sale at a discount of 10 per cent.

Gents' Furnishings

at a discount of 10 per cent. Hats and Caps, 10 per cent. Trunks and Valises, 10 per cent.

It will pay you to travel 50 miles to attend this sale. We're certainly putting out Great Bargains. Come and see for yourself.

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A WORD WITH AND FOR LIVE PEOPLE.

The RUMFORD CITIZEN is now well on its second year, and with this issue greets many who are not regular subscribers, and perhaps are unacquainted with its quality as a newspaper. We desire to have the name of every person to whom a copy of this issue is sent on our subscription list.

There are many excellent papers published in Oxford County and we have only the kindest feelings for them; and we trust they have for us.

In saying that the CITIZEN fills a need in the county that no other paper does, we are not reflecting upon any other paper; but simply saying that there was, and is need for a paper in the county that is thoroughly independent, and not only willing to give all sides a fair hearing, but anxious to do so.

We are well aware that such a paper is bound to meet with opposition from those who either from policy, timidity or self-protection are not in favor of hitting straight from the shoulder, or being hit.

The CITIZEN, in taking a stand that all sides should be heard, has created for itself an independent constituency that shows beyond a doubt that conditions were ripe for the appearance of a fearless newspaper in this county.

We are first of all aware that justice tempered with mercy should be the aim of every criticism of public measures and men, and so far as in our power lies, we have acted upon, and shall continue to act upon that principle.

In allowing the free expression of opinions of others through the medium of the CITIZEN, we are free to print any objections to our policy or editorial utterances, and we hereby invite any who may have been aggrieved by anything that has appeared, or will be offered at anything that may appear in the future, to make use of our columns to criticize us or anything that appears in the paper.

We believe all knowledge results from thinking, discussing and demonstrating, and invite our readers to co-operate with us, in making the CITIZEN a paper for the people.

We believe that for the people to read constantly and everlastingly only those things that are set before them with the design of not starting a new thought or fanning an old idea, is inherently bad, and results in ultimate stagnation.

Our subscription is voluntary to a large extent, and has increased through the merits of the paper; but there are many more in this section whom we feel need this paper and would appreciate the kindness of any friend who brought it to their notice. Therefore we earnestly ask each reader who believes in the above stated principles to call the attention of friends and neighbors to the merits of the CITIZEN and ask them to send for a sample copy, or better, to subscribe.

COUNTRY STABILITY.

It is said, and it is true, that it takes the presence of danger to test the courage of men; and it is then those worth while come

Christmas List of Drapery Bargains.

With December upon us and Christmas so near, we are throwing open our Drapery Dept. with finer values and more and better lines than you can imagine, no matter how thoroughly you have searched elsewhere, at other times. Besides our lines of Portieres, which always offer a fine choice for Christmas buying, there are new and exceptional values in Couch Covers, and Piano and Table Covers that it will do you good to see. All make sensible Christmas gifts. Come before the rush sets in in dead earnest.

Portieres.

Pretty Portieres in red and green mixtures, 36 inches wide, per pair \$2.75
Tapestry Portieres in plain colors, 40 inches wide, per pair, \$3.00
Striped Portieres in mixed colors, 45 inches wide, per pair, \$3.50
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Regular 50-inch widths in reds, greens and mixed colors, stripe effects. Each, \$1.25
50-inch Tapestry Couch Covers in floral and stripe effects. \$1.50 to \$3.50
Heavy 60-inch Tapestry Couch Covers as low as \$2.25
Heavy Couch Covers in deep colors, Oriental patterns and heavily fringed, upwards to \$8.00

Table Covers.

Tapestry Table Covers, 50 inches each way, reds and greens, heavily fringed. Each \$1.25
Tapestry Table Covers in extra heavy goods, mixed colors, 50 inches. Each \$2.00
Tapestry Table Covers, 60 inches each way, reds and greens, heavily fringed. Each \$1.75
Tapestry Table Covers in extra heavy goods, mixed colors and handsome patterns, 60 inches. Each \$3.50 and \$4.75

Piano Covers.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LINE.
Satin Piano Covers in rich color effects \$3.50 and \$4.50
Damask Piano Covers, fringed. \$4.00 and \$4.50
Silk Piano Covers, fringed. \$2.75 to \$4.00
Heavy Velour Piano Covers. \$2.50 and \$3.50

Fur Baby Robes.

Another special Christmas line, and seasonable. Robes in heavy white Angora fur, with two fur flaps and extra felt lining, two sizes \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50

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There are always certain sections of the country in which the men of valor live, and it generally proves to be the regions where men and women are surrounded by natural conditions. Great statesmen, great commanders, and the noblest men and women of all nations have been drawn from the rural districts. It is in the country and villages that the sturdy characters are moulded.

Even in the matter of the late financial flurry, the superiority of country over city men was easily seen. It was largely, almost wholly, in the cities that men became panic stricken and precipitated a money crisis that might have involved the country in far reaching disaster.

In the country, particularly in this grand old county of Oxford, there was no undue excitement. Men and women viewed the situation calmly, and were not jarred by the storm that swept their city brothers and sisters out to sea.

The good common sense and sturdy character of the people prevented any bank runs, and the hills that guard almost every Oxford village were hardly more secure in their places than were the financial institutions of this country.

There are other like communities throughout the State and country and to the courage of the people of those sections is due the salvation of business credit, and the banking system.

The November Bulletin of The State Board of Health in speaking of the action taken by the Oxford County Medical Association regarding tuberculosis, as reported in the CITIZEN says:

"Just as this is written, an article in the RUMFORD CITIZEN is shown to me giving the pleasing information that the Oxford County Medical Association is taking hold of the tuberculosis question in earnest and are going to do everything they can to aid in stamping out that disease. A committee chosen to take charge of the matter is sending a circular letter appealing to every physician in the county to help. That is an extremely encouraging movement. May it have the cordial support and the active support of every citizen and be the nucleus of an irresistible demand for reporting cases of tubercu-

losis of the lungs to the local board of health as the law provides, for giving such persons early a favorable chance for cure, for ensuring, whether curable or not, that they shall not jeopardize others, and finally, for providing that every tuberculously infected room or house shall be disinfected."

We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Stevens for a copy of the Canal Record, a paper published under the authority and supervision of the Isthmian Canal Commission at Ancon, Canal Zone. The paper is distributed free to all employees of the commission, and sold for five cents to others. It is a three column, eight page paper, quarto size, and is very neatly printed and carefully edited. Among the locals we noticed several mentions of the social activities and quite a long article giving accounts of the doings of various women's clubs. There is every indication that a high grade of society is being developed there. In reading the paper one cannot however throw off the thought (as is a stated fact at the head of the editorial column) that it is "supervised" by the commission. Very likely conditions of a nature not understood here, make that necessary; but as a rule a censored paper is rather unpalatable reading.

Had that recently discharged inmate of the Danvers hospital, who entered the Massachusetts State House last week and shot three men, succeeded in his original purpose, Gov. Guild would doubtless have been among his victims. The fact that this man was known to possess delusions which gave him the impression that he was being persecuted, together with the fact that he was first committed to an insane asylum for attempted murder should have prevented his release from the asylum last month.

What's the matter with New England Baldwin apples? They're all right. They were quoted in Kansas city last week at \$1.25 per box and the same size box of naval oranges was quoted at \$3.75 per box.

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CHAINS

A full and complete line of Chains for ladies and gentlemen now awaits you, at fairest prices, at our store. Should you wish to remember any one with so useful and appropriate a gift as a handsome Chain, don't fail to come in and see our elegant designs. We have the assortment from which you can make a perfectly satisfactory selection, and our moderate prices will please you equally as well as the handsome styles.

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A suitable and pleasing gift for ANYBODY can certainly be found among our great variety of Charms and Lockets of every kind and description. We have a most complete and beautiful assortment of the newest styles, with prices ranging over so wide a field that we can supply, to a certainty, the exact article to please your taste and come within your means.

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Pleasant people wait your coming here, eager to give you best attention and lend you helpful suggestions. Magnificently complete stocks of Holiday goods, fresh and crisp, all conveniently arranged for your choosing.

There's no advantage in waiting—but there's every reason why you should come TO-DAY.

Holiday Undermuslins

We are displaying some beauties for the holiday trade. Distinctive, Dainty Immaculate. You can but recognize their worth as holiday gifts or for your own wear.

Corset covers of fine nainsook finished with two rows of Val. insertion with edge around neck and sleeves, 50c

Elaborately trimmed corset covers with numerous rows of lace and insertion and ribbon bows, 75c. and \$1.00

Women's slip gowns of fine nainsook, lace trimmed, with beading and ribbon, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$2.98

Long muslin undershirts with body of excellent quality muslin with deep lawn flounce finished with numerous rows of fine Val. lace insertion, the higher they go in price the finer and more daintily trimmed. Extra values from \$1.98 up to \$5.00

Holiday Possibilities
Among the Kimonas

There's good chance for selection among a large stock of exceptionally handsome ones here. We call your attention particularly to the long ones of which we are very proud.

There's splendid variety of colors and a price range from \$1.98 to \$5.98. The lot includes those of Flannelette, Cotton Crepe and Jap Silk.

Long kimonas of heavy double-faced flannelette in pink, red, blue and pretty mixtures trimmed throughout with satin, \$1.98

Long kimonas of double-faced fine fleeced flannelette in pink and blue, collar, cuff and pockets trimmed with satin, \$2.50

Long kimonas of extra fine flannelette, empire neck, large sleeves, fitted back, trimmed with satin ribbon, \$2.98

Long kimonas of Jap. silk in Jap. designs, Jap. sleeves shirred around neck, \$5.98

Santa Claus Reigns at the Toy
Department in the Basement

Here all the wonderful devices that German and American workers have produced for the entertainment of little ones may be seen.

The Dolls of many sizes and kinds, for the girls, and the Toy Furniture, Pianos, Trunks, Beds, and Cradles, are more fascinating than ever, while the Mechanical Toys, Trains, Iron Toys, Tool Chests, Drums and other playthings for the boys are to be had in a much greater variety than formerly.

There are Teddy Bears of all sorts and sizes. More than a hundred different kinds of games. There are Sleds, Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages, Picture and Story Books. In fact, a most superb array of things to bring joy to the hearts of the children on Christmas morn, and nowhere can you spend your money to a better advantage.

Appropriate Christmas Gifts

The custom of Christmas Gift Giving is steadily growing from year to year. The little ones must have Toys, for Christmas would not be Christmas without them, but for the older people a stock like ours presents a variety of articles for practical or decorative use that it would be almost impossible to enumerate, and that possess those qualities that assure them a warm welcome.

In our remarkably varied basement stocks of Japanese, German, French, Bavarian, English and American China, Glassware, Cut Glass, Statuary, Stationery, Books, Silverware Calendars, Christmas Cards, Post Cards, Toilet Cases, Lamps, Baskets, Albums, and Novelties, are to be found appropriate selections for elderly people, gifts that will delight father and mother, beautiful remembrances for the young ladies, the right things for the older brothers, and pleasing gifts for all the others. Don't delay. The choosing is better now than later.

At the Candy Counter

Fresh, wholesome, toothsome candies for Christmas.
Twenty different varieties of fine candies at 10 cents per pound.
A large assortment of Chocolates and Bon Bons at 20 cents per pound.
Our special Molasses Kisses at 10 cents per pound.

Women's Outing Flannel Night Robes
Astonishing Values for December Shoppers

For 50c Outing Night Robes of good fleecy material, in pink or blue and gray stripes.

For 75c Outing Robes in pretty colored stripes, frilled from throat, tape trimmed, of good, fleecy outing, good length.

For \$1.00 Outing Robes of pink, white, light blue, and fancy outing, some finished with silk embroidery, some with braid, all full sizes and lengths, pearl buttons, well made.

For \$1.25 Outing Robes in white and colors, finished with two rows of white tape, the white are silk embroidered, ribbon at throat, pearl buttons.

For \$1.50 White Robes of extra quality outing, with tucked yoke, pink, blue or or white embroidery, pearl buttons. Health and comfort givers.

Outing Flannel Petticoats

These are in short and long styles, white and colored, including plain pink and blue. These we have at 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Lengths from 25 to 31 inches, some with silk crochet finish.

Jersey Skirts, for 50c. These are fine knit Jersey ribbed, fine fleecy, crochet trimmed, in white and gray.

25c. Goods

It will surprise you to find how many gifts you can find here for 25c that are just what your friends will want.

We have made a special effort to have an extra large assortment of 25c gift goods and in China, Stationery, Books, Toys, Dolls and Novelties we are showing surprising values at this price.

There are also a host of presents at 10c and 5c as well as the higher priced articles.

Souvenir Calendars

A decidedly unique and pleasing line of Souvenirs are the Calendars we are showing at only 10c, each Calendar having a view of local interest.

Also a line of Blotters with both Calendar and view, and marked "Souvenir of Rumford Falls."

We anticipate a quick sale for these specials.

A LOW PRICE
BUT GOOD SHOW.

You have seen moving pictures and are ready to acknowledge them to be about the most wonderful things you ever saw.

The Family Theatre that has just opened in McManamin Hall is a picture show—a moving picture show. It is in a sense a continuous performance. It is operated upon that plan, for from the hour of opening until the hour of closing there will be a show going on. The pictures that are shown are not only attractive and often exciting for the moment, but are plays with different scenes, and changing persons; in fact a story is enacted before the eyes. In ten minutes you see and understand the points of a story better than you could with half an hour's reading of the story told in the most attractive manner.

Mr. Arthur C. Potter the operator of the machine is from Detroit, Michigan where he has been a licensed and expert operator for a number of years. He enlightens the audience regarding the pictures by verbal explanations as he flashes them upon the screen.

The methods by which the moving pictures are obtained are not comprehended by many. It is supposed they are created out of some one's fertile imagination but it is not so.

All scenes shown in these pictures are of real events. Some of them have required a great deal of time and expense in the making. Scores of persons are sometimes employed to perform the parts—that is the only way the pictures can be taken.

The establishment of the family Theatre offers our people cheap and good entertainment, and the constant attendance proves that they appreciate it. See the advertisement in another column.

AIRSHIPS.

I reckon we'll have airships at no very distant day.

It won't be up-to-date travel any other way.

Each one will have a lot o' wings an' eggs an' gasoline.

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It won't have any ears to settle back an' let you know.

That it has heard the order when you give the word to go.

It won't have any head to toss or sniff the frosty air.

Nor tail to throw across the lines an' make you want to swear.

And if it went the same old route for years 'twould never learn.

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—Washington Star.

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The issue of the Panama bonds will be for the full \$50,000,000 which were offered, but the issues of one-year treasury certificates will not greatly exceed \$25,000,000. It is probable that the issues of new bank note circulation will fall considerably within some of the earlier estimates, because of the abundance of currency which will be available when currency payments are resumed by the banks and exchanges resume their normal course.

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"Why," we asked, "are you so sad?"
"Alas!" he answered, "the sea is the grave of my first wife."
"But you are married again," we murmured.
"Yes," said he, "and my second wife won't go near the water."—Chicago Journal.

All She could Expect.
"Is your husband all that you think he should be?" asked the visitor in a confidential tone of voice.
"Not exactly," replied the other, complacently. "But he's all I can expect. He's my fourth, and I know 'em."

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DIXFIELD ITEMS.

The Happenings of the Week as gathered by the Citizen Reporter.

The annual Sale of the Universalist Church Aid Society was held at their rooms in Masonic building Thursday p. m. and evening December 5th. The banquet hall looked very attractive with the several booths in different decorations. On entering the hall at your right was first seen the fancy work and apron table, with decorations of evergreen. Here presided the Mrs. Russell, Dillingham and Randall, and among the many useful and fancy articles were seen dollies, mats, mittens, fasciators, views of the many beautiful scenes in and around the village, work and fancy aprons of many styles, qualities and colors. Next in line was "Mrs. Wiggs' Cabbage Patch" which was a source of interest and amusement for the young people as well as some of the older ones. Here were found a variety of articles wrapped in green tissue paper representing cabbages, and selling for five and ten cents, according to the cost of the article. The mystery of not knowing what the package contained, created much enjoyment for the little folks. The decorations at this booth were green and white and the ladies in charge were Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Elva Swett. First on the left was found a large assortment of home made candies, and here presided Mrs. Eda Holt and Mrs. Shirley Dyer. The decorations at this booth were very noticeable and pretty, being wreaths of holly leaves and berries, paper belts and lace work in colors of red and green. At the variety table, Mrs. Margaret Waite and Miss Verdie Ludden, displayed a great variety of useful and fancy articles consisting of handkerchiefs, collars dollies, gloves and at this booth Mr. Teddy Bear and his wife were on exhibition and caused many remarks in their behalf. The decorations here were white and a large cluster of artificial pond lilies added much to the attractiveness. The ice cream booth was well patronized and here were found Mrs. Kidder and Mrs. Nellie Brown who were ready to appease the most fastidious taste in their several flavorings of ice cream. The decorations here were of evergreen. Mrs. Mandana Holland seemed at home at the food table. This booth was in the center of the hall and looked very beautiful in its decorations of red and white bunting. Here were found many things attractive to the eye and delicious to the taste, Mrs. Holland being an artist in this line; many of the good things were made by her hands and others solicited from the many noted cooks in Dixfield. The supper was a feature not to be omitted. The committee on this was Mrs. Susan Marsh, Mrs. Alice Gates, Mrs. Ethel Keene, assisted by Mrs. Mary Newman, in absence of Mrs. Edith Stowell who was not able to be present. The supper was everything that could be desired in its line. Baked beans and peas of many varieties, brown and white bread, cakes and pies galore. Many compliments were given the committee in charge, for the dainty and attractive looking tables. The Sale was a success in every respect; and financially speaking the members were all very thankful and agreeably surprised for the successful patronage. The amount of cash realized came near the one hundred dollar mark. Much credit is due the President, Mrs. Margaret Waite, for her untiring efforts in making the event so successful. Those who assisted outside of the Aid members will please accept many thanks from the society.

A very pleasant occasion was that of the reception held at the home of Mary Greenleaf, Tuesday evening of last week in honor of her brothers, Mr. Albert Eustis of Cambridge and Mr. Humphrey Eustis of Minneapolis, Minn. It was a reunion of the sons and daughters of the late John M. and Ann Trask Eustis, one of the early families who settled in Dixfield. Those of the Eustis family present, were Mr. H. E. Eustis, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eustis of Cambridge; Mrs. Sarah Mitchell of Roxbury; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Eustis of Portland; Mrs. Mary Greenleaf and Mrs. Mandana Eustis, widow of the late Wallace Eustis of

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ANDOVER

The Happenings of the week as Told by Our Correspondent

At a meeting of the Hook and Ladder Co. Dec. 2, the following officers were chosen; Foreman, H. L. Poor, Asst. Foreman, R. A. Grover; Sec and Treas. C. T. Poor; Steward, James Newton. W. S. Newhall has returned from Sunapee, N. H., where he has been since March, at work on a large log house.

The Congregational Circle met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Swett and Miss Bertha Poor. Though it was a cold evening a large number were present and a pleasant social evening was spent.

Dick Martin cut his leg quite badly while swamping a road for R. A. Grover's camp.

There will be a Christmas tree and appropriate Christmas services at the Town Hall Christmas eve. Everybody is invited to attend and also help to make this event a success.

Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Jordan have returned from their week's trip to Alfred, Me.

R. A. Grover and his mill crew have gone into camp. They are cutting birch on Black Brook.

Two of Augustus Harding's children got quite badly scalded with boiling water last week.

Mrs. Luke Glover went to Lewiston to the hospital, Monday.

The Pythian Sisters gave a public whist social Tuesday, Dec. 3. About eleven tables were filled and a jolly evening was spent by all. Ladies' prize 1st, won by Mrs. C. A. Rand, 2nd Mrs. Frank McAllister; Gentlemen's prize, 1st, Robert Henry, 2nd, Pearl Small.

Arthur Lang is taking a vacation of couple of weeks. Elmer Howe of Hanover is supplying while he is absent.

A. S. Jordan is very ill with pneumonia at this writing, a trained nurse from Lewiston is in attendance.

Mrs. William Foye is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Al. Dunning.

A number of people met at the home of Rev. T. H. Derrick Monday evening to organize a magazine club.

S. E. Clark took a trip to Rumford Falls Tuesday.

Herman Martin cut his knee while cutting birch for R. A. Grover.

F. P. Thomas and Clayton Swett came out from the Lakes with three large deer Monday.

La Grippe is very prevalent throughout the town, whole families being stricken with it at the same time. Dr. Leslie attended thirty-three patients in one day—who were afflicted with this disease.

Paul Tuman got his left foot quite badly crushed by a rolling log Saturday, and is at the Milton House.

This place who died about three years ago. The many friends, relatives and acquaintances of the family were invited to spend the evening for a social chat, and many old time reminiscences were rehearsed and enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of fruit, confectionery and a variety of cakes, of which Mrs. Greenleaf is famous and noted for making; fruit punch was also served. The evening was one of much pleasure and will remain a bright spot in the memory of all present, for many years to come.

Mr. H. E. and Albert Eustis and wife returned to Cambridge Friday of last week.

Miss Lizzie Russell spent Sunday with friends at Portland Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell commenced housekeeping in their new home Monday of this week.

Among those who are confined to the home by sickness at this writing are Mr. Elbridge Smith, Mr. Orlando Bishop, Mr. Geo. Stanley, Mrs. Ina Schofield and Mrs. Geo. Marsh.

The village schools began Tuesday of this week after a vacation of two weeks.

One of this season's events of much interest to the young people of the village, is the band concert and ball at Tuscan Opera Hall, this Thursday evening.

Mrs. Clara Howe and daughter Abbie spent Sunday at the home of Elliott Howe at Rumford Falls.

EAST DIXFIELD.

Mr. Arthur Hiseock has been working for George Hathaway the past week.

Mr. Walter Smith and Mrs. L. G. Blanchard went to Dixfield one day last week on business.

Mr. Wallace Holman has returned home from Bates College, Lewiston, Me. Mrs. Jason Adams has returned to her home after spending a week with friends in Jay, Me.

Mrs. Ella Moulton of Jay, Me. visited her sister, Mrs. G. M. Walton Sunday.

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Rendall the jeweler of Rumford Falls, was at C. S. P. Farm taking views Friday of last week.

C. F. Penley, of C. S. P. Farm made a business trip to Rumford Falls and Mexico Tuesday of last week.

Betsy Jennie of No. 7 called on Mrs. C. F. Philbrick and family, Friday of last week.

W. M. Mitchell has returned from his visit in Boston where he spent Thanksgiving day.

C. H. Philbrick of Frye is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Blanchard, of Rumford Falls.

Victor Binford of Mexico, was at Frye on a hunting trip Dec. 2nd.

Misses A. A. and C. A. Philbrick were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Howe of No. 7 on Wednesday of last week.

C. F. Philbrick and wife called on H. D. Mitchell and family Friday evening of last week.

W. A. Burgess of C. S. P. Farm and C. V. Philbrick and A. L. Robbins of Frye, visited friends at Hale Sunday of this week.

Mrs. W. H. Howe and daughter Bertha, made a trip to Rumford Falls Tuesday of last week.

pulp wood.

Alta Walker and John Kidder of Hale called on W. A. Burgess while on a hunting trip Saturday of last week.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Eggs are thirty-six cents a dozen and butter thirty cents a pound.

Mrs. Maud McAllister and Little-sons, Carroll and Stillman, are sick with sore throats and are attended by a physician.

John York has recovered from his illness so as to be out again.

Mrs. Effie Matheson is visiting her mother, Mrs. David Leboke.

Dr. Coolidge killed a nice hog last week Thursday.

Louise, the little daughter of Walker Nason has been very ill but is better at this writing.

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A TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY.

By Manly Abbott Brigham.

"Here it is the day before Christmas, the season that had as well be called the season of tomfoolery." This remark was made by John Proudham to his brother Hollis, as they seated themselves in the library of their bachelor home, on the afternoon of December 24, 1906, waiting the call to dinner.

These two brothers were in middle life and were known as students, philosophers and skeptics. Their comfortable home was presided over by their widowed mother.

"Tomfoolery is a mild word to apply to such humbuggery," replied Hollis. "Just think of the little boys and girls that are deceived about Santa Claus, and how badly many of the poor children feel on Christmas morning to find that Santa Claus has passed them by."

"Yes it has its sad side, but I was thinking mostly of the extravagance that people allow themselves in making presents just to follow a fashion," said the first speaker.

"It would not worry me much," rejoined Hollis. "If that was the worst feature of it. If those same people did not spend their money in that way they would fool it away in some manner. Say, speaking of the disappointment of children on Christmas morning; you remember Steve, 'Tow headed Steve' we used to call him there in Newport, when we were kids. I was just thinking of the Christmas morning—it must have been as long ago as 1870—when we—

you, Frank Derringer, George Bowser and myself—were telling one another what presents we had received—yes, we were in front of Derringer's store, when Steve came along and joined the group.

Frank had the most presents and was just telling us of what they consisted, and I think we all felt just a little jealous and wondered why Santa Claus should favor him. I remember the sober and wistful look upon Steve's face as he listened to the recital. Frank was a thoughtless lad any way, and while knowing full well that Steve had no presents of account, he ended the recital of his list of gifts by asking Steve what he got in his stocking.

"Nothing," said Steve, with a slight quiver in his voice, and a look of inexpressible sadness in his face.

That look spoiled that Christmas for me, and I think many since, for I have never forgotten it—it haunts me even now."

"Go in and see the boys. Here's Fanny. She says she does not believe there's any Santa Claus." The speaker was the Widow Proudham. She stood in the library doorway, holding a little girl about five years old by the hand.

"Ah, how's Fanny tonight, and how's your father?" pleasantly asked John Proudham, as he held out his hand to the child as a token of friendliness.

Fanny, who was the only child of a poor and sick Englishman that had recently moved into the neighborhood, was a pretty and bright girl. She frequently visited Mrs. Proudham and had become quite a favorite with the brothers.

In response to John's friendly greeting and question, she went forward and stood in front of him, saying, "My papa 'e's hup, 'e says 'e'll stay hup all Christmas day."

Mrs. Proudham, who had been standing in the doorway, now came into the room, and after seating the little girl, said "Tell the boys what your papa says about Santa Claus."

"My papa 'e say there is no such thing. Jes' little boys' and girls' papas is all the Santa Claus ther' is."

"That girl's father is a sensible man, if he is an Englishman," commented John, affecting a community contempt for the Brits that he did not really feel.

"Do you think Fanny is any happier for her wisdom," asked Mrs. Proudham, as she gave the little girl a motherly hair stroking. "You must remember she is not six years old yet," she continued, as a sort of protest against disillusionment.

"Well that depends," observed Hollis. "If her fate tomorrow is to be as tow-headed Steve's was, it is far better for her to know the truth." Following this remark, John Proudham struck his hand hard on the arm of his chair, and was about to speak, but catching himself, he looked at his brother, and smiled as though a new light had dawned upon him.

Mrs. Proudham, noticing the smile, turned to Fanny and taking her by the hand said, "Come little one, I guess your mother will be worrying about you."

As soon as they were out of the room, John said to his brother, "By hokey, pokey I'll tell you what—we'll convince that girl that Santa Claus is no myth."

"How'll we do it?" asked Hollis.

"How! Why we'll get out that gray wig and beard that is up'n'ers—been there since you were in that amateur theatrical business—and one of us will dress up as Santa Claus, and go in

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Thompson's house tonight and surprise

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"That's quite a scheme. Guess I'll

join you in it; but say, my boy, it will

not do to go there without some present

for her," remarked Hollis.

"Well that's right. Plague take me,

why hadn't we thought of that before.

We ought to have gotten something

for her anyway," said John. "We'll

have to go up street after dinner and

buy something for her. That's the only

way out of that."

That evening as the two brothers,

who for years had allowed Christmas

to pass unnoticed, went to the village

toy store, and began looking over the

things. They looked at and discussed

many different toys, and bought such

as they thought would please little Fan-

ny.

"Just look at this Napoleon Bonaparte

sword," said John, holding up a

tin weapon about a foot and a half

long. "That's great—just little Bill

Rennick's size," remarked Hollis, tak-

ing the toy sword and flourishing it.

"It would be fun to see Bill parade

up and down the street with that im-

plement," he continued.

"What's the use," said John, "if

we are going to play Santa Claus for

the Thompson's family, why not for the

Rennick folks? There's six or seven

little imps there, and I'll bet they hav-

n't anything for Christmas, unless Mrs.

Wilson has got something for them."

So the brothers kept buying play-

things and useful articles that seemed

to them suited to the different chil-

ren. When they had finished, they

each had all the bundles they could

carry conveniently, but two happier

men never walked the streets of Spring-

dale; their hearts were light and spirits

quite boyish as they discussed the busi-

ness in hand while on their way home.

About eight o'clock that evening

John appeared in the library in a com-

plete Santa Claus disguise, and both his

brother and mother expressed surprise

at the success of the make up.

"There," said Hollis "are the things

for Fanny—Mother did you say you

wanted to send them something?"

"Yes, I was going to send these to

the tree tomorrow night, but I'll put

them with your things," replied the ma-

tron, as she placed a bundle with the

rest of the articles. "That's a little

clock. Poor thing! I guess she needs it."

"I will go along to the Thompson's

house and tell the old folks what's

coming. You," nodding at his brother,

"come along with the things about five

minutes after me. We will have Fanny

open the door when you knock, and

we'll see whether her bright eyes and

wit will detect the humbug."

"Humbug!" echoed John. "That had

escaped my mind. This is humbuggery

of the first water, as true as you are

a foot high; but after all it seems good.

It's the first time that I ever realized

that all humbuds were not frauds,"

and the man who had spent years in

deceiving humbuggery, and protesting

against Christmas extravagance, laugh-

ed a little uneasily as he thought of

his vanishing philosophy. "We can

tell better after we see what success

we have in the practice of deception,"

laughed Hollis, as he left the house.

Thump! Whack! Bang! sounded on

the door of the frail, small cottage ten-

ement in which Eugene Thompson lived.

"Whatever has happened; some one

is at the door," said Mrs. Thompson.

"Fanny, you open the door." At that

instant a jingle of bells was heard and

Fanny's father, fearing the effect of

I saw his team up by the Rennick house when I came along," observed Hollis, who also wished to prepare the little girl against too great a surprise.

"Open the door Fanny," commanded Mrs. Thompson, as the knocking was repeated.

As the door swung open the impersonator of the fabled gift dispenser stalked into the room, and asked in a muffled tone, "Does Fanny Thompson live here?" Little Fanny stood speechless before the gray haired, bearded and fur coated Santa Claus. "Why don't you tell him who you are," said Fanny's mother.

But the little girl stood with wondering gaze, unable to speak, and as the two conspiring brothers watched her features, they became conscious that into the mind of that little girl they had carried a conviction. It is quite likely that at that moment they felt as though they were guilty of wrong doing, but the radiant face and sparkling eyes of the little victim took away any sting they may have felt.

With another prompting from her mother, Fanny said, "I'm Fanny Thompson."

"I thought so," muttered John, who felt like an actor playing an unfamiliar part. "I wish you would have larger chimneys. In these days there seems to be a conspiracy against Santa Claus. Chimneys are so small I have to come to the doors of houses where I want to leave presents. It's all wrong. Here are some things for Fanny Thompson." As he laid them on the table before the thoroughly entranced child, and stood back to observe the joy that seemed to radiate and form into scintillating rainbow tinted halos about her head, Mrs. Thompson again spoke to her saying, "Fanny, did you ever see him before?"

This time she had fully recovered her voice, and said slowly, as though carefully weighing over word, "No, but I've seen his pictures in the papers." Fanny's deception and happiness were complete.

The two conspirators then visited the Rennick home and distributed presents to all the children there, and seemed to have the same success in carrying both joy and deception, although one of the Rennick children was twice as old as Fanny.

The gifts were distributed by name, and great flourish on the part of Santa Claus, who felt as though the sharp eyes of the older children were penetrating his disguise. The Napoleon Bonaparte sword that was intended for little "Bill"—three years old, very fat, and important acting—was finally held up, and Santa Claus called out, "Bill Rennick step forward." The little chap, eyes all alight with excitement, marched out in front of the man supposed to be from the region of the reindeer, and squared about like a regular soldier. He was handed his sword, which he took, and without uttering a sound, brought it into fighting position and stratted back to his place with a dignity as laughable as that assumed by Pickwick, when he tried to explain his presence in the apartments of a strange woman.

The next morning as John Proudham

was walking back and forth on the

piazza, he observed the oldest Rennick

boy pass and repass the house, finally

stopping in front of the piazza.

"Good morning, my boy," said John.

The lad did not reply to the salutation

—the Rennick children were deficient

in manners—but after eyeing the puzzled

John for a brief space of time, doubled

up his fist and shaking it, shouted, "You can't fool me. I know

you. You haint no Santa Claus." Even

while he was shouting he started on the

run, and was out of sight before John

Proudman could grasp the meaning of

the performance.

When he told his brother of the in-

cident, Hollis said, "That's his way of

thanking us."

"Well," observed John, "the whole

thing has given me more satisfaction

than I've had since I was a child."

"So it has me. We have proved

that happiness can come from decep-

tion; and yet I believe the philosophy

underlying it is wrong," replied Hollis.

Just at that moment little Fanny

came into the yard. She stopped and

gazed at the brothers, and then said

with a tinge of sadness in her voice and

just a little disappointment expressed

in her face, "My papa sent me hup

to say thank you for the things you

brought."

"How about Santa?" asked John.

"Oh, there aint none. My father told

me haint 'bout this mor'nin'," replied

the little girl.

"Run into the house and see mother,"

said Hollis. "She was happy while

she was deceived, and now that she

knows the truth, she is not," observed

Hollis.

John looked at his brother a full

minute while all the pros and cons of

his philosophy were weighed; then he

said, "Fanny thing isn't it?"

"Something more than funny" re-

joined the second cornered philosopher.

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As the original authorized agents of Santa Claus we respectfully announce our Third Christmas

THE WATER COMPANY MUCH CONCERNED

Because of the Unsatisfactory Quality of Water.

Experiments now being Made to effect a Remedy.

Last week we printed a communication regarding the water supply, and there has since been many suggestions made regarding the matter.

To learn the views of the Water Company officials we interviewed the company's agent, Mr. Mixer. From him we learn that the company is not blaming the people for making protests and are now engaged in experiments that they hope will solve the difficulty. The expense of building a new water system or even laying a new pipe would be so much that the business could not stand it.

Mr. Mixer showed the editor analysis of one of the water taken at the wells, and the other of water drawn from a faucet on the line. That from the wells showed only the normal percentage of iron. That from the faucet showed nearly eight times as much as that taken from the wells. The chemist states that he cannot give any reason for the singular occurrence. The analysis in both instances shows water that is free from anything that can injure the health. It would seem from this that the water becomes impregnated with iron sediment by contact with the iron pipes through which it flows. This has often been disputed.

The officials so far from being oblivious to the fact that the people do not use the water for drinking or cooking, or being unconcerned about it are very much alive to the fact and distressed much more than any one knows over the conditions.

The company are trying their best to remedy the matter. Contrary to the popular idea, according to Mr. Mixer, the water that comes from the wells is spring water and flows from the hills and is filtered through a natural stratum of sand. He states most emphatically that the wells are not sunk in a swamp, and that it is impossible for the water to come from the river.

He says that the condition is unfortunate and no one realizes it more than Mr. Chisholm. All that can be said now is that they are in hopes they are on the eve of perfecting a remedy.

FOUGHT LIKE RATS IN A BOX.

35 Polanders in Fierce Battle Sunday Night.

The Auszros Club on River Street Scene of Riot.

Charles Ruman appeared before Recorder Stevenson Monday morning and paid a fine of \$100 and \$14.27 costs for keeping a beer club.

Two fellow countrymen appeared and paid fines for being intoxicated. The story behind these little transactions is quite an interesting one.

Sunday night about 8:45 as officers Roach and Violette were walking along towards Bridge street, Roach homeward bound, a man came running out of the Klien and Sullivan's stable shouting "They're murdering some one upstairs over the stable."

The two officers at that instant heard shouts and following in the direction on to River street, went up the stairs leading to the Auszros Club, from whence the shouting came.

Breaking open the door they found a small room, about 20x20, filled with a howling frenzied mob of men, several of them wielding beer bottles with murderous force, hitting whomever was not lucky enough to get out of their reach. The officers judge there to have been thirty-five or forty of them in the room.

The officers began at once to scatter the men right and left, in an effort to get at the men who were doing the execution with the beer bottles. Some of the boldest of them made a rush at the officers, but were knocked down without ceremony and relieved of their weapons. They finally subdued and scattered the crowd, and put the twist-ers on three of the men. In the crowd it was impossible to tell which men were the most to blame.

They arrested the manager of the club who evidently was a victim of assault, for his face was badly battered, and he looked as though he would have been all in shortly if the police had not put in a timely appearance.

The room was fitted up for the purpose of a private beer club. There were twenty or more private lockers each containing several bottles of beer.

The manager, Charles Ruman, seemed to be the most badly hurt. The

A SUCCESSFUL BAND CONCERT.

The third Annual Concert and ball given for the benefit of the Rumford Falls Band occurred last Thursday evening at the Cheney Opera House.

The concert by the band under the direction of Frank J. Rigby was a splendid entertainment and was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The ball was a great success, being participated in by many of the leading men and women of Rumford Falls and vicinity.

The committee in charge was made up of the following well known men, Charles Burdett, H. E. Longfellow, J. E. Phipps, C. J. Leary, A. L. Davis and Arthur Mansur, with Philip M. Jarneson as floor director.

difficulty of getting at the facts, and the impossibility of identifying the aggressors obliged the officers to enter complaints against the arrested men as above recorded. All of the respondents paid and were discharged.

DEMARS-EASTMAN.

Mr. F. L. Demars and Mrs. Ella E. Eastman were united in marriage Wednesday noon, Dec. 4 at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. E. W. Weber. Miss Grace Eastman, daughter of the bride and her brother, Mr. Eastman witnessed the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Demars left on the afternoon train for a wedding trip and on their return will make their home on Mrs. Eastman's farm at East Rumford.

IONTA-MCDOUGAL.

The marriage of Michael Ionta and Miss Christine E. McDougal took place Thursday Dec. 5 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dougal McDougal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Hanson of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Ionta are spending a couple of weeks in Boston and other places.

CHANGED NIGHT OF MEETING.

The I. B. of P. M.—P. S. and P. M. W. Union, Local No. 16 has changed its night of meeting from Monday to Saturday, and beginning next Saturday Dec. 14, and until further notice, the meetings will be held regularly on Saturday of every week.

Electricity in the Home.

The convenience, economy and safety of electric lights are only the beginnings of the advantages and delights of the many every-day and night uses of electricity in the home.

You may not have or may not know about some of the special devices needed for gaining the advantages belonging to the use of electricity. We are always pleased by an opportunity to show them; and since many of the devices make excellent Christmas presents

We will have our Exhibition Room open and someone will be in attendance all of each day until Christmas, and evenings the week before.

Lighting, Heating, Cooking and Power Appliances will be explained to you.

Come and see the sewing machine motors, curling iron heaters, warming pads, vibrators, chafing dishes, stoves, milk warmers, water heaters, double boilers, bread toasters, flat irons; piano, library, dining room, den and office lamps, etc.

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And many other suitable and acceptable gifts too numerous to mention here.

N. B. Your Prescription and Drug Orders will receive the same careful attention during the Xmas rush as is characteristic of our store.

THE COTE PHARMACY

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AMERICANIZE ITALIANS SAYS JOSEPH PARILLO.

Work he is doing Among them Is Religious and Secular.

Power Company Offers Site for Chapel.

Joseph Parillo, a native of Italy, who has been in this country for fourteen years, working the greater part of the time at hard labor, but now a missionary in the employ of the Maine Missionary Society, called at the CITIZEN office last Saturday and the editor was very favorably impressed with the man and the work he is doing.

Mr. Parillo spends his time among the Italians and aside from holding public meetings, he seeks by all means to spread the New England ideas of life among them. He is not a man who goes about seeking the easy places where he can wear his best clothes, but goes into the hardest places and makes friends with his countrymen, and by personal intercourse with them on the plain of life that they are in, urges them to adopt the higher or American plan of life. The duties of citizenship are explained to them and they are urged to become citizens.

There are few men who are fitted to do the work Mr. Parillo is doing and we believe he should receive a good measure of support from the people irrespective of religious beliefs. He tells us of various colonies of his countrymen, in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and also in Maine, employed in the quarries, who are as high class in intelligence and in their methods of living as the average American families.

There are several families here of that type, but the majority are very much in need of instruction and he regards it as necessary to the preservation of our styles of civilization that they become imbued with the spirit of Americanism and become a part of our social and religious system.

The fundamental plan that Mr. Parillo works on is religious and he seeks to carry conviction of that nature to the men among whom he labors, and holds public meetings for the purpose of preaching the gospel. Yet he realizes that he cannot work the reforms he desires unless he enters into the every day affairs of their lives and as he says "If a man is hungry, feed him" or in other words interest them in the thing that they can understand, and trust to future developments to bring

them to a spiritual understanding.

We learn that the Power Company has offered the use of a plot of land near the depot for a chapel site, if the public find means to erect a building.

The building would be used to hold religious meetings for the Italians and also for educational purposes. We do not know that any money has been made to raise a fund for this purpose, but it is manifest that the work could be better carried on with, than without a regular meeting place.

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When winds shriek high in fiendish glee,

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Lester Cowan spent Saturday in Lewiston.

John A. McDonald of Oquossoc was in town Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Stratton of Oquossoc spent Sunday in town.

Dr. F. F. Bartlett was in Lewiston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. William Tainter visited friends in Dixfield last week.

Ed. Peters is spending a couple of weeks in Boston and New York.

Majecharsa was entertained Monday evening by Mrs. John Longley.

Miss Clara J. Hall, who has been ill for several weeks is convalescent.

Mr. Phillipson of New York was the guest of Harry Marx over Sunday.

Jacob Israelson of Livermore Falls visited friends in town over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Howe of Hanover was the guest of Miss Susie P. Virgin last week.

Claude Rolfe has been confined to the house this week on account of illness.

The Aerie Lunch has engaged Mrs. Maxwell, a well known cook from Lewiston.

Mrs. Pearl Kimball intends spending the winter in Chicago with her son Virgil Kimball.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. S. Downs.

Miss Emma Russell of Portland, was the guest of her sister, Miss Agnes Russell, over Sunday.

Miss Cora Belle Howe of Dixfield, was the guest of her brother, Elliott W. Howe over Sunday.

John Welch, who has been quite ill with tonsillitis for several weeks, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Helen Lyon has been engaged by the Everett K. Day Co. as special clerk during the holidays.

Mrs. O. A. Pettengill returned Wednesday from a visit of a few days with Mr. Pettengill in Portland.

Mrs. L. D. Merrill, wife of police officer Merrill, has been quite ill but is now recovering nicely.

Mrs. H. L. Steinfeld returned Monday from a visit of a few days with friends in Groveton, N. H.

Malcolm Gregg of Andover, will spend the winter in Rangeley, sealing for the International Paper Co.

Hon. Hugh J. Chisholm, of New York, was in town Saturday on business connected with the Light and Water Co.

William Grant, foreman of the wood-room at the Oxford mill, is spending a few days hunting in the Rangeley region.

For the best there is in insurance, go to L. H. Veilleux.

O. J. Gonya, E. W. Howe and Anthony Bemis of Grand Rapids, Mich. were in Boston on business the first of the week.

The prizes at the Box ball alleys were awarded on the following scores; Mrs. McMennamin 126 Mrs. Stanwood 123 Miss Marguerite Martin 121.

Hilaire E. Mercier got his right hand severely injured one day last week. It was hit by a stick of wood thrown into the rollway-of the store cellar.

Mrs. M. W. Lucas of Lincoln avenue, who has been ill with pleurisy for several weeks, is much better and able to be about the house.

Join our "Don't Pay Rent" club. Seventy-five dollars will let you in. It will make the first payment on a nice six room dwelling. L. H. Veilleux.

The men of the Congregational parish of Mexico will serve one of their famous chicken pie suppers Friday night of this week in the vestry of the church.

The Misses Delia and Maude Couture, who have been clerking in the Macfarlane Co's store for some time, finished work there last week and are now visiting friends in Lewiston.

O. L. Blanchard and Napoleon Landry were hunting near Lincoln recently and shot three deer within three miles of camp after having been out less than three hours.

O. A. Anetile received quite a painful injury while chopping wood one day last week; a stick flew up from the chopping block and struck him in the face, inflicting a painful though not serious wound.

Joseph Gauthier, of the Gauthier Bros. Co. spent last week hunting at their camp in Wildwood, near Oquossoc and succeeded in bringing down a large buck and a doe. The venison was sold at their market.

Judge Stearns expects to be able to take possession of his new home on Penobscot street soon after Christmas; the house on Knox street which he now occupies, has been rented to Walter Rolfe. Dr. Sheehy will occupy F. B. Carroll's house on Franklin street, which is to be vacated by Mr. Rolfe.

Albert N. Kelley, who has been superintendent of construction work for the Cummings Construction Co. during the past year, when the work for the International Paper Co. has been under way, has gone to Berlin, N. H., where he will have the direction of building operations there, for the same company. Mr. Kelley has made many friends during his stay in town, and they are sorry to have him leave.

Olaf Nelson, one of Rumford Falls' best known Swedish residents, left last Thursday for Boston, from which place he sailed Dec. 10 for his home in Slimminge, in the southern part of Sweden. Mr. Nelson came to America twenty years ago this month; after spending two years in New Sweden he remained to North Monmouth, where he remained for six years and then came to Rumford Falls and has for twelve years been employed in the screen room of the International Paper Co's mill. Mr. Nelson expects to return to Rumford Falls after spending a few months at his home.

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H. J. Reynolds, DRUGGIST, Ridgelyville, Maine.

Rev. G. A. Martin has been confined to the house this week with a severe cold.

Harold Goddard of Auburn was a guest of Postmaster Atwood and family over Sunday.

Harris L. Elliot and wife returned Tuesday from a visit of a few days in Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. E. H. Stoddard has gone to the Maine General Hospital in Portland, to be operated upon for appendicitis.

Miss Marion Langis was one of a party of friends entertained at supper Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marx.

Edward Gibbon, who has been employed as floor walker by the E. K. Day Co. will leave Saturday for his home in Portland.

A. E. Morrison and wife have returned from a visit in Norway, where they were guests of Mrs. Morrison's parents, Freeland Howe and wife.

Mr. Johnson of Portland, has been transferred from the Berlin, N. H. office of the International Correspondence School to the one at Rumford Falls.

R. M. Woodsum, Fred E. Dunham and John Dunham returned Monday from a hunting trip at South Rangeley. Mr. Woodsum and Mr. John Dunham both secured a deer.

George Gammon, head clerk in F. O. Walker's store, is quite ill with pneumonia and is being cared for by the well known nurse, Mrs. Webster.

At the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star, Monday evening, officers for the ensuing year were nominated, and six candidates were initiated.

A sale of useful and fancy articles, aprons, home made candies and food is being held this Thursday afternoon and evening, by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Universalist church, in the church vestry.

Preparations are being made for an elaborate Christmas concert at the Universalist church; Mrs. Katherine McKenzie is chairman of the committee on arrangements. On New Years eve a Christmas tree and supper will be given for the children.

A concert under the auspices of the Chisholm High School, was given by the Bates College Glee Club, Tuesday evening in the Methodist church. The proceeds are to be utilized for the benefit of the school library.

Dr. Rollins, of Portland, State Representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was in town last Friday; having been called to Dixfield to make an arrest on the charge of cruel treatment of animals.

The public schools will close Friday for the Holiday recess.

Miss J. C. Michaels is spending a few days this week in Andover on business.

Fredrick O. Eaton went Monday to Lewiston to enter the C. M. G. Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Eaton is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grier, in Lewiston.

The Rumford Falls and Mexico stage met with an accident Tuesday morning on its way to meet the nine o'clock morning train. The axle of the stage broke near the round-house, and the passengers completed the trip on foot.

At the last regular meeting of the Rebekahs it was decided to have a contest, which is to last for three months. Mrs. R. M. Woodsum and Mrs. Clarence Votter were chosen as captains and the membership divided into two factions. The side scoring the highest on points in entertainments will be treated to a banquet by the losing party. Readings will count 10 points, recitations 20, music 20, original readings 50, new membership 50, largest attendance 50, new features in entertaining will score 100 points. The first entertainment of the series will be given by Mrs. Woodsum's party, Wednesday Dec. 18th.

A special business meeting of the members of the Baptist church was held last Friday evening in the vestry, to discuss the matter of completing the auditorium of the church. Representatives of houses manufacturing church furnishings and stained glass windows were present and submitted samples for inspection. It is expected that the church will be finished early in the summer. After the business session, refreshments were served by the ladies and music furnished by Briggs' orchestra.

LEAPED FROM THE FOOT BRIDGE.

(Continued from Page 5.)

Girard has been known at the Falls for several years. There seems to be nothing about him that causes any of his acquaintances to speak ill of him and it is not thought that he is an excessive user of liquor. He was married to a Rumford Falls girl several years ago and two years since they separated, and while she has been employed in a dining room at the corner of River and Exchange streets, it is not known that the couple have met or had any communication for the past two years. There seems no suspicion that he was disturbed over anything in particular and the rash deed was apparently the result of an impulse of the moment stimulated by the effects of the liquor he had drunk. He died at 9:30 Tuesday night.

He has parents in Canada and two sisters living in Lewiston. They were notified by wire of the accident. He has recently been employed as an attendant in a Waldo street saloon.

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Next Sunday evening at the Baptist church, Miss Russell will sing J. C. Bartlett's "The Day is Ended" with an obligato violin accompaniment played by Prof. Briggs.

Miss Laura LaRoche spent several days this week out of town on business.

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Got to keep a moving up,
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Ain't no time for restin',
Ain't no time for stoppin';
Shake yo' feet an' hustle,
Gittin' ter de top.

Rocks an' in de roadway,
Wagon may stop dead;
Dat's de time ter hustle,
Walk right on ahead.

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Somfin' wuth de knowin';
On 'y way ter git dar
Is ter keep on goin'.

Detroit Free Press.

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Friday The Thirteenth

By Thomas W. Lawson.

"From the very nature of stock-gambling it is necessary, absolutely necessary, that it be conducted under certain rules, unchangeable, unbreakable rules, to attempt to change or break which would destroy stock-gambling. The foundation rule, the rule absolutely necessary for the existence of stock-gambling is: Any member of the stock exchange can buy, or sell, between the opening and closing of the exchange as many shares of stock as he cares to. With this rule in force his buying and selling cannot be restricted to the amount he can take and pay for, or deliver and receive pay for, because there is not money enough in the world to pay for what under this same rule can be bought and sold in a single session. This is because there have been arbitrarily created by these few tricksters many times more stocks than there is money in existence. The amount of stock that any man can sell in one session of the exchange is limited only by the amount that he can offer for sale, and he can offer any amount his tongue can utter, and he is not compelled and cannot be compelled to show his ability to deliver what he has offered for sale until after he has finished selling, which is the following day. You will ask as I did: Can this be possible? you will find the answer I found. It is so, and must continue to be so, or there will be no stock-gambling. Mark me, for this statement is weighted with the greatest import to you all. A member of this exchange can sell as many shares of stock at one session as he cares to offer. If any attempt is made at the session he sells at to compel him either before or after he offers to sell to show his ability to deliver, away goes the stock-gambling structure, because from the very nature of the whole structure of stock-gambling the same shares are sold and resold many times in each session and the seller cannot know, much less show, that he can deliver until he first adjusts with the buyer and the buyer cannot adjust until after he has become such by buying. If a rule were made compelling a seller to show his responsibility before selling, every member would have every other member at his mercy and there could be no stock-gambling. When I had worked this out, I saw that while the few tricksters of the 'System' had a perfect device for taking away from the people their wealth, I had discovered as perfect a means of taking away from the few the wealth they had secured from the many. With this knowledge came a conviction that my way was as honest as the 'System's', in fact, more honest than theirs. They took from the innocent, I took from the guilty what had already been dishonestly secured. I determined to put my discovery into practice.

"I might never have done so but for that Sugar panic in which I was robbed of millions by the 'System' through Barry Conant. In that panic the 'System', with its unlimited resources, eluded from the people by the arbitrary manufacture of stocks, and by their manipulation did to me what I afterward discovered I could do to them, without any resources other than my right to do business on the floor of this exchange. You saw the outcome, in the second Sugar panic, of my first experiment. In a few minutes I cleared a profit of \$10,000,000. I could have made it fifty millions, or one hundred and fifty, but I was not then on familiar terms with my new robber-robbing device, and I had yet a heart. To make this ten millions of money, all that was necessary for me to do was to sell more Sugar than Barry Conant could buy. This was easy, because Barry Conant, not knowing of my newly invented trick, could buy only what he could pay for on the morrow, or, at least, what he believed his clients could pay for; while I, not intending to deliver what I sold—unless by smashing the price to a point where I could compel those who had bought to resell to me at millions less than I sold at—could sell unlimited amounts—literally unlimited amounts. When Barry Conant had bought all that he thought he could pay for, he was obliged to beat a retreat in front of my offerings, and I was able to smash, and smash, until the price was so low that he could not by the use of what he had bought, as collateral, borrow sufficient to pay me for what I had

sold him. Then he was compelled to turn about and sell what he had bought from me, and when I had bought it for ten millions less than I had sold it for, the trick had been turned. I had sold him 100,000 shares at \$20. He had sold them back to me at \$10, and he stood where he had stood at the beginning. He had none of the 100,000 shares. Both of us stood, so far as stock was concerned, where we had stood at the beginning, but as to profits and losses there was this difference: I had ten millions of dollars profit, while Barry Conant's clients, the 'System', were ten millions losers—and all by a trick. The trick did not differ in principle from the one in constant practice by the 'System'. When the 'System', after manufacturing Sugar stock, sell 100,000 shares to the people for \$10,000,000, they so manipulate the market by the use of the \$10,000,000 that they have taken from the people as to scare them into selling the 100,000 shares back to them for \$5,000,000. After they have bought they again manipu-

late the market until the people buy back for \$10,000,000 what they sold for \$5,000,000. The 'System' commits no legal crime. I committed no legal crime. I had not even infringed any rule of the exchange, any more than had the 'System' when they performed their trick. Since my experimental panic I have repeatedly put the trick in operation, and each time I have taken millions, until to-day I have in my control, as absolutely as though I had honestly earned them, as the laborer earns his week's wages, or the farmer the price of his crops, over \$1,000,000,000, or sufficient to keep enslaved the rest of their lives a million people.

"What do you intelligent men think of this situation? You know, because you know the stock-gambling game, that the American people, with their boasted brains and courage, come year after year with their bags of gold, the result of their prosperous labors, and dump them, hundreds of millions, into this gambling inferno of yours. You know that they are fools, these silly millions of people whom you term lambs and suckers. You chuckle as, year after year, having been sent away



Robert Brownley Glared Down Defiantly as a Sullen Growl Arose from the Gamblers.

shorn, they return for new shearing. You marvel that the merchants, manufacturers, miners, lawyers, farmers, who have sufficient intelligence to gather such surplus legitimately, would bring it to our gambling hell, where upon all sides is plain proof that we who conduct the gambling, and who produce nothing, are obliged to take from those who do produce, hundreds of millions each year for expenses, and hundreds of millions each year for profits—for you know that we have nothing to give them in return for what they bring to us. You know that every dollar of the billions lost in Wall street means higher prices for steel rails, for lumber and cars, and that this means higher passenger and freight rates to the people. You know that when the manufacturer brings his wealth to Wall street and is robbed of it, he will add something to the price of boots and shoes, cotton and woolen clothes, and other necessities that he makes and that he sells to the people. You know that when the copper, lead, tin, and iron miners part with their surplus to the 'System', it means higher prices to the people for their copper pots and gutters, for the water that comes through lead pipes, for their tin dippers and wash boilers, and for their rents, and all those necessities into which machinery, lumber, and other raw and finished material enters. You know that every hundred millions dropped by real producers to the brigands of our world means lower wages or less of the necessities and luxuries for all the people, and especially for the farmer. You know that it is habit with us of Wall street to goad over the doctrine of the 'System', which the people parrot among themselves, the doctrine that the people at large are not affected by our gambling, because they, the people, having no surplus to gamble with, never come into Wall street. And yet, knowing all this, you never thought, with all your wisdom and cynicism, that right here in this institution, which you own and control, was the open sesame for each or all of you, to those great chests of gold that your clients, the 'System', have filled to bursting from the stores of the people. What, I ask, do you wise men think of the situation as you now see it?"

There was an oppressive stillness on the floor. The great crowd, which now contained nearly all the members of the exchange, listened with bulging

eyes and open mouths to the revelations of their fellow member. From time to time, as Bob Brownley poured forth his shot and shell of deadly logic, from the vast mob that now surrounded the exchange rose a hoarse bellow of impatience, for few in that dense throng outside could understand the silence of the gigantic human crusher, which between the hours of ten and three was never before known to miss a revolution except while its victims' hearts and souls were being removed from its gears and meshes.

Bob Brownley paused and looked down into the faces of the breathless gamblers with a contempt that was superb. He went on:

"Men of Wall street, it is writ in the books of the ancients that every evil contains within itself a cure or a destroyer. I do not pretend that what I am revealing to you is to you a cure for this hideous evil, but I do say that what I am giving you is a destroyer for it, and that while it will be to the world a cure, it may leave you in a more fiery hell than the one of which you now feel the flames. I do not care if it does. When I am through, any member of the New York stock exchange who feels the iron in his soul can get instant revenge and unlimited wealth. You who are turning over in your minds the consideration that your great body can make new rules to render my discovery inoperative, are dealing with a shadow. There is no rule or device that can prevent its working. There are 1,000 seats in the New York stock exchange. They are worth to-day \$95,000 apiece, or \$95,-

000,000 in all. Their value is due to the fact that this exchange deals in between one and three million shares a day. Were any attempt made to prevent the operation of my invention, transactions would because of such attempt drop to five or ten thousand shares per day, or to such transactions as represented stock that will be actually delivered and actually paid for. To make my invention useless it must be made impossible to buy or sell the same share of stock more than once at one session, and short selling, which is now, as you know, the foundation of the modern stock-gambling structure, must likewise be made impossible. If this could be done the \$95,000,000 worth of seats in the exchange would be worth less than five millions, and what is of far greater import to all the people, the financial world would be revolutionized. Men of Wall street, do not fool yourselves. My invention is a sure destroyer of the greatest curse in the world, stock-gambling."

A sullen growl rose from the gamblers. Robert Brownley glared down his defiance. "Let me show you the impossibility of preventing in the future anyone's doing what I have done to you so many times during the past five years. All the capital required to work my invention is nerve and desperation, or nerve without desperation. It is well known to you that there are at all times exchange members who will commit any crime, barring, perhaps, murder, to gain millions. Your members have from time to time shown nerve or desperation enough to embezzle, raise certificates, give bogus checks, counterfeit stocks and bonds, and this for gain of less than millions, and when detection was probable. All these are criminal offenses and their detection is sure to bring disgrace and state prison. Yet members of this exchange desperate enough to take the chance, when confronted with loss of fortune and open bankruptcy, have always been found with nerve enough to attempt the crimes. I repeat that there are at all times exchange members who will commit any crime, barring, perhaps, murder, to gain millions. That you may see that my successors will surely come from your midst from time to time during the future existence of the exchange, I will enumerate the different classes of members who will follow in my footsteps:

(To be continued.)



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Listen one minute, please. You are considering the purchase of one of

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And it is a wise consideration, during the coming winter evenings with the snow as high as the fences, and the thermometer at zero and the cold wind whistling around your house hunting a place to creep in.

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F. H. Atwood, Rumford Falls

11-14 P.

KILLED TWO DEER WITH ONE SHOT.

A positively authenticated instance of a hunter killing two deer with one rifle shot occurred last Thursday near Orono.

Edwin Carrier and two friends, all living at Basin Mills, were out hunting, when they came upon two deer, a small doe and a large buck. Both were side by side, the buck a few feet from the doe. Mr. Carrier fired at the buck, but at the moment he pulled the trigger the doe threw up her head. Great was the hunter's surprise to see not only the buck fall, but the doe to stagger off as if badly wounded, and fall within a few rods.

Examination showed that the bullet had gone through the doe's neck, cutting the large vein, and had struck the buck fairly in the spine, killing him almost instantly.

Both deer have been brought to Orono and are on exhibition, the wounds showing plainly. Mr. Carrier and his companions are well known and reputable citizens and there is no doubt as to the fact that Mr. Carrier killed both deer with a single shot.

The evidence that neither license nor prohibition solves the liquor question in Massachusetts is found in the fact that cities go from one system to the other in pretty nearly regular order. For years Fitchburg has changed every year or two. In the greater number of instances the change has been yearly. The people get sick of license, and then in turn, get sick of prohibition. Of course the prohibition is not constitutional, as in Maine, but is "no license" so far as the city or town goes that so votes. Yet with all the dissatisfaction over the matter it seems impossible to arouse interest in any new method of handling the liquor business. The liquor dealer is opposed to the proposed system whereby the profits of the business above 6 per cent. on the investment goes to public institutions. The prohibitionist is opposed to any form of license, on the ground that the principle is wrong and he will not sanction legalizing a wrong. The men who would sanction a utility method, are not interested enough to make an effort. Yet a better way of controlling the sale of liquor might be devised.

Disintegration.
"How much dear, do you love me?"
"I softly asked the maid."
"I love you, every bit of me,"
The laughing lassie said.

Ah, well! I sometimes ponder
Upon the words she spoke.
She loves me, every bit of me,
But would she love me "broke?"

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

Public Entertainment and Supper
Thursday Evening.

A public installation of the officers of Bethel Lodge F. & A. M. was held at I. O. O. F. Hall last Thursday evening. All Masons and their families were invited and over fifty were counted when the tables were spread in the dining hall below.

Dis. Dep. G. M. Swift of West Paris was present and installed the officers as follows:

Dr. I. H. Wight, W. M.
Mr. F. B. Merrill, S. W.
Mr. A. Vandenberg, J. W.
Mr. D. G. Lovejoy, S. D.
Mr. E. L. Edwards, J. D.
Mr. E. H. Young, Treas.
Mr. H. C. Rowe, Sec.
Mr. N. E. Richardson, M.
Mr. J. H. Barrows, Chap.
Mr. J. C. Frost, S. S.
Mr. W. C. Garey, J. S.
Mr. H. M. Farwell, T.

During the installation a musical program was interspersed, all of which was very appreciable and highly enjoyed. The program was as follows: Solo by Mrs. E. S. Kilborn; Reading by Mrs. A. C. Frost; Solo by Mrs. A. H. Wight, and Reading by Mrs. A. Vandenberg.

Masons have long since been noted for having a fondness for good food. It was known that the Rebekahs had an abundance of that kind ready for serving below and naturally little time was lost in getting into line for the grand march to the place of feeding. None were disappointed. Four heavily laden tables were in readiness and as far as the scribe was able to observe, between Eats, all paid a pretty compliment to the plateness of their contents.

When all had eaten their fill, though the fills are said to have been enlarged for the occasion, Worshipful Master Wight announced to the audience that he had several story tellers on deck who, upon the mention of their names, going to favor their friends with stories. It is safe to say that the above from the Worshipful was the biggest story of the evening. None knew any stories to tell, or if they did, they forgot them at that awful moment or could not tell them on such an expanded stomach. All mankind and some womankind in sight were drafted but the nearest approach to a story from anyone was a song sung by the Chaplain, Brother J. H. Barrows. Brother Barrows always brings the house down, and this was no exception. The rest of us were a bit jealous of the brother and would have liked to have been able to have brought down the house too, but he had it down and we were done for.

Despite the Worshipful brother's stories he made the occasion a very pleasant one and all were inclined to over look his stories.

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and will be pleased to deal with you on liberal terms.

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CHRISTMAS GREETING

To all of our old and new friends and customers we extend herewith the Compliments of the Season and to show you how well we appreciate your good feeling toward us we will have an immense sale, at reduced prices of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for the whole family. These goods are carefully selected from our large and varied stock and include both useful and ornamental presents.

This Sale will begin Monday, December 16 and last until Tuesday, December 24 inclusive.

PRESENTS FOR THE FATHER.

From our stock you can surely select a present that will please the Head of the House. Our list includes Overcoats, Smoking Jackets, Fur lined and Fur Coats, Dressing Cases and Dress Suit Cases, all at greatly reduced prices.

FOR THE MOTHER.

Amongst the many things that will delight the heart of the housewife we will mention a nice new Cloth or Fur lined Coat at prices that range from \$7.00 to 45.00. Also a large assortment of Table Linen and Napkins consisting of separate pieces and Complete Sets, which will make a most acceptable Xmas present, also Towels. We have a full line of warm fur trimmed Slippers for the House.

PRESENTS FOR THE YOUNG GENTLEMAN OF THE HOUSE.

You can easily and with only little money gladden the heart of your son by giving him one of our stylish Suits or Overcoats, or a pair of nice Fur lined Gloves, Seal skin Cap, or Sweater. We also have a good assortment of Toilet cases, Shaving sets, and Collar & Cuff boxes. A nice Necktie or a Pair of Silk Suspenders in a neat little holiday box is a most acceptable present and at very little cost.

PRESENTS FOR THE SWEETHEART.

We have a great and varied assortment of fancy cases consisting of Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Handkerchiefs, Glove and Collar & Cuff Boxes, Shaving Sets, Work Boxes, Side Combs and Bric-a-Brac.

PRESENTS FOR THE YOUNG LADY OF THE HOUSE.

Amongst our large stock we have a great many articles that cannot fail to please any young lady, no matter in what direction her taste leads her. There are many things that one can give to a young lady and we will mention only a few. We have some very stylish trimmed hats, which we will sell during this sale at greatly reduced prices. When the cold winds blow she will feel comfortable if she has one of our Furs, consisting of single Neck pieces and Muffs or complete sets, which we have from \$5.00 to 30.00 a set. A present that is always welcome and useful is a box of nice linen Handkerchiefs. We have an immense line consisting of plain white, hemstitched Handkerchiefs or some with nice embroidered corners and initials. A pair of our Kid Gloves will always be accepted. We have them in both short and long.

FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN OF THE HOUSE.

We carry everything that is both useful and ornamental. A nice warm Reeler or Overcoat for the little boy or a pair of good shoes. For the girls you can have your choice of either a nice warm Coat or Bonnet.

To please the heart of the little tots we have a good assortment of dolls and Teddy Bears.

FOR THE REST OF THE FAMILY

We offer you your selection from any article of our immense stock and we feel sure that thereby you can please the receiver without much cost to the giver.

This sale is the greatest opportunity that Rumford Falls people have seen for a long time and we hope that it will be appreciated by one and all.

MORRIS MARX

When Christmas Comes.

You will want to remember your friends and families.

This year we have an unusual large line of and well selected stock of suitable articles for all classes of gifts.

If you want a nice box of STATIONERY we have it from roots to \$3.00 in all the newest effects, fresh from the factory.

A KODAK for the Young People is always acceptable and we have them from \$1. up.

IN OUR JEWELRY LINE

We have most any thing you may want but space forbids our making special mention of the different articles so we cordially invite you to come in and see our entire stock which is much larger than ever before.

IN SILVERWARE

We can show you a fine line of Tea Sets, Table Sets, Bakers Candelabra, Etc.

JAPANESE CHINA

in all the best designs and this seasons style.

CUT GLASS AND STERLING SILVER

in a large variety of articles.

Toilet Sets and Toilet Novelties, Manicure Articles, Jewel Cases, Parlor and Fancy Clocks, and many other articles Just Right for Christmas.

Please remember that this stock is our own personal selection from the best Markets of Boston and New York, and mostly bought from the Manufacturers or importers and our Price and Quality is guaranteed to be correct.

Engraving Free of Charge.

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C. E. TOLMAN & CO., South Paris, Maine.
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RUMFORD FALLS A SHOPPING CENTER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

RUMFORD FALLS LIGHT AND WATER CO.

This company has a very fine display of electrical goods at their warehouse in the Power Company building.

There are many things in their stock that are quite in line with Christmas gifts.

It is well worth the time to look over the display they make.

Note their advertisement in another part of this paper, and give them a call. Mr. Charles H. Mixer is agent.

THE RUMFORD FUEL CO.

This company is but a little over a year old but has developed a large business in wood and coal.

A ton of coal is as good a Christmas gift as could be made to some families.

ROLFE AND HANSON.

The music store of Rolfe and Hanson is well known as headquarters for every thing in the musical line, and is a store that everyone delights to visit.

There is nothing in their stock that is not suitable for a holiday gift.

C. J. LEARY

The manufacturer of the "All Smooth" Oxford and Strathglass Cigars has a very commodious and clean factory on Waldo street, and has since establishing there done a very successful business. His brands of cigars are sold all over the state and in this vicinity are leaders.

STANLEY BISBEE.

The store conducted by Mr. Bisbee is one of the best known hardware stores in the county and is the center of trade for patrons from surrounding towns and country.

A large stock, reliable quality and fair prices are staple characteristics of this business. He has many articles in stock that are suitable for Christmas presents.

MISS C. J. MICHAELS.

The millinery business conducted by Miss Michaels in the E. K. Day store is one of the high class places of the kind in Maine. Miss Michaels is not only an expert and experienced milliner, but possesses literary attainments and is an interesting woman.

She has travelled in Europe and has had engagements in some of the best millinery establishments in the United States.

W. S. DOWNS & SON.

This firm conducts the market owned by the late Augustus K. Martin. Mr. Downs is an experienced marketman and in succeeding to Mr. Martin's business was assured of success.

In Doubt.

"Well," exclaimed the irate wife, "this is a nice time of night to be coming in. What have you to say for yourself?" "Before I answer that question, my dear, I want to find out if you're going to give me a chance to say it!"

It's Time to Think About Christmas Goods

Select while the stock is new and fresh. Larger Stock than ever before. Come and look them over now. Here is only a partial list of some of our good things.

PIPES for the Gentleman, some new shapes and sizes.

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STATIONERY in plain and fancy boxes.

LOOKING GLASSES in every conceivable size, shape and quality.

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LEATHER TRAVELING SETS, Fine fittings \$1.00 to \$12.00

HAND BAGS, PURSES BILL BOOKS—All prices, 25c. to 9.50.

CALENDARS, a fine assortment at 25c. each.

SMOKING SETS, Cigars and Tobacco Jars, 25c. to \$5.00. Extra large assortment, always acceptable

On our 25 cent counter you will find many little mementos that will be just what you were looking for at a small price. Do not neglect this opportunity to come in and look this stock over.

There may come an inspiration just to see what we have.

It's a good Plan to Select now.

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EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. Ella Bean visited relatives in Portland Saturday, returning Monday.

Edgar Swan visited relatives at South Paris last week.

Mrs. Etta Bean and Mrs. Lizzie Bartlett attended Pomona Grange at South Paris last week.

School is again in session under the instruction of Miss Florence Skillings who taught the fall term. Miss Skillings is boarding at F. C. Beans.

Miss Edna Bartlett, John Howe and Freeborn Bean have returned to Gould's Academy for the winter term.

Alder River Grange will hold a sale and supper at the Grange Hall Friday evening, Dec. 20. Useful and fancy articles will be on sale. There will be a fancy work table, apron table, home made candy table and numerous things for you to try your luck on for five and ten cents. Every one should take advantage of this sale as it will afford a great opportunity to procure their Christmas gifts. From 6 to 8 one of their famous suppers will be served consisting of baked beans, brown bread pickles, coffee and all kinds of pastry. The public is very cordially invited to attend. The sale and supper will be followed by a social dance with good music.

NORTH NEWRY.

James Lane is working for E. P. Flint.

John Menchen of Pownal is spending a few days with friends in town.

There is a large amount of lumbering going on in this place. Help seems to be plenty.

J. S. Allen moved his family into his camp at Ketchum last Friday, where he is logging.

Hugh Thurston, who is attending Hebron Academy, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

SENATE ELECTS FRYE PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

Maine Man Again Honored by His Colleagues.

Senator William P. Frye of Maine, was elected president pro tem of the U. S. senate last Thursday. Senator Daniel of Virginia being given a complimentary vote for that honor by his Democratic colleagues.

ACCIDENT AT BETHEL.

D. E. Jennings of Gorham Died From Injuries Received.

Brakeman D. E. Jennings on freight No. 91 was fatally injured at the Bethel Station last Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. Jennings attempted to pass between the engine and the first car as the train was being coupled and was caught by the draw bars and crushed very badly at the hips.

He was taken at once by special train to the hospital at Berlin but his injuries were so severe that no relief could be had and he passed away at 8:15 that night.

Mr. Jennings was the son of Mr. E. R. Jennings, who has been for several years station agent at Gorham.

NEWRY.

Mrs. Frank Douglass went to Andover last Saturday to visit her aged father.

Mr. and Miss Stephen Gaudet visited at A. H. Powers' last Sunday.

The Circle met with Mrs. W. A. Foster last Saturday evening with a large attendance and a good time generally.

Mrs. E. B. Knapp is quite poorly at this writing.

NORTH BETHEL.

Mr. Guphill went to Stoneham Sunday after Gertrude Cobb.

Bion Swan and wife were at J. C. Swan's Sunday.

The scholars of this place are going to school at Bethel this term.

Mrs. H. R. Godwin has a fine new sleigh.

Mrs. H. V. Chapman received a present of one half dozen silver teaspoons from one of her boys.

GROVER HILL.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns opened the West Bethel winter term of school Dec. 9th.

Norman Sanborn's little daughter who has been ill is now better.

True Brown was at home a short time since.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns was in Norway, Dec. 4th.

Miss Erva Bartlett and friend were in this place one day last week.

Fred Mundt has bought a nice pair of steers of John Anderson.

\$5.30 STOLEN FROM BOX BALL ALLEY.

Three Young Boys Perform a Professional Job.

Captured Soon After. Owned up and returned Money.

Saturday morning Judge Stearns had a case before him that tested his judgment severely, but the general opinion seems to be that he acted wisely in the matter and for the best interests of all concerned.

It appears that last Friday three boys whose ages were 10, 12 and 13 years respectively broke into and robbed F. J. Rolfe's money drawer of \$5.30.

The theft was committed at noon and the story as told by the oldest lad was quite highly flavored with the most approved methods of professionals.

The boys waited until Mr. Rolfe locked up the place to go to dinner and then under the direction of the oldest, the other two were placed on guard with instructions to watch and when any person came along on the walk to rap once on the window so that the lad inside, where he had gotten via of the back door, could dodge out of sight until the person had passed. This was necessary for the money drawer was within three feet of the window. The signal if Mr. Rolfe came in sight was two raps. The boy worked upon the combination of the drawer until he struck it right. He cleaned out the drawer to the last cent. When Mr. Rolfe came back and discovered the loss he remembered seeing the boys around the place before going home, and suspected they were the culprits. He immediately notified Officer Roane who came with Mr. Rolfe to the CITY-ZEN office to ascertain the name of the oldest boy whose name was on file.

The officer soon had the three lads in custody. As they had never been implicated in anything of the kind before, and two of them at least were boys who were influenced, and the ring leader owned up and made no trouble for the officers, and all costs were paid and the money restored, the Judge decided that the interests of the boys and the demands of justice were better served by allowing the boys to go free in care of their parents.

The Judge did not so decide until a searching investigation was made. The lads were admonished, and the penalty for any future offense explained to them.

REV. A. S. BISBEE RETURNED FROM IRELAND.

Letters have been received from Rev. A. S. Bisbee, announcing his return to this country after several months spent in Ireland and England where he has delivered several temperance lectures. He landed from the Canard Steamship Vernia, in Boston, Thursday, Dec. 5th. He is expecting to make lecture engagements in Oxford County.

TOWN HAS NEITHER LAWYER DOCTOR NOR MINISTER.

H. W. Howe of Hanover was in town one day last week.

In speaking with a merchant on the street he stated as a peculiar circumstance that Hanover is a town without a lawyer, minister or doctor. Perhaps there are other towns afflicted in the same manner but they have yet to report.

SELDOM LESS THAN ONE.

Mrs. Lula Lane when upon a recent trip to Bridgton happened to be the only passenger on the narrow gauge road.

In a joking spirit she asked the conductor if he had as many every trip. He not seeing the humor of the situation very soberly replied, "Nearly always."

GRAPTON.

W. H. Boardman of Cleveland, Ohio, and Howard Coburn of Bethel who have been stopping at Otis W. Brooks for a week or more went home Sunday with four fine deer. Mr. Boardman is one of the people who makes friends wherever he stops.

A. M. Daniels and A. L. Maxim of South Paris got two deer. They also have been stopping at O. W. Brooks.

O. W. Brooks bought a horse of A. M. Daniels of Paris.

F. W. Tyler has been threshing grain in town.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Geo. Briggs and family returned home from Gilead Sunday afternoon where he has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Lute Andrews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rugg went to Norway Sunday returning Monday.

Alice Cole of Bethel called on her sister, Fannie Briggs, Sunday. Mr. Earle Swan of Norway visited his brother-in-law, Henry Rugg, a few days last week.

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